The Jerome Gambit
Giuoco Piano
Reference Games

Chess Notes 2025

1 **C50**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2736**
■ **Kollars,Dmitrij** **2592**
Online 3 0 blitz 2020
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
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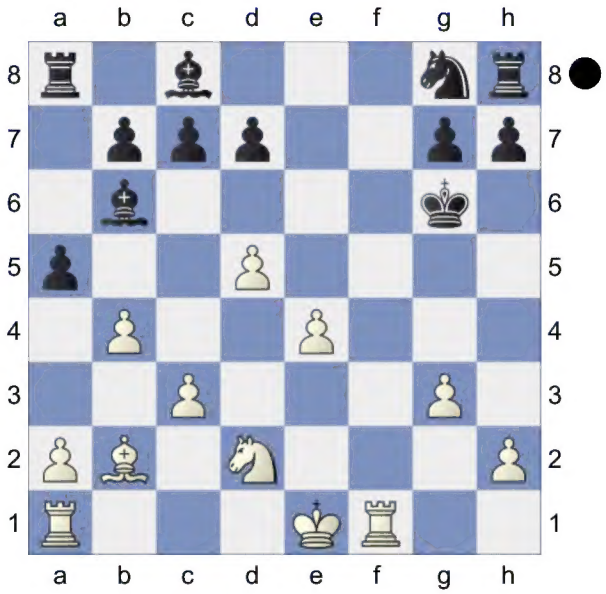
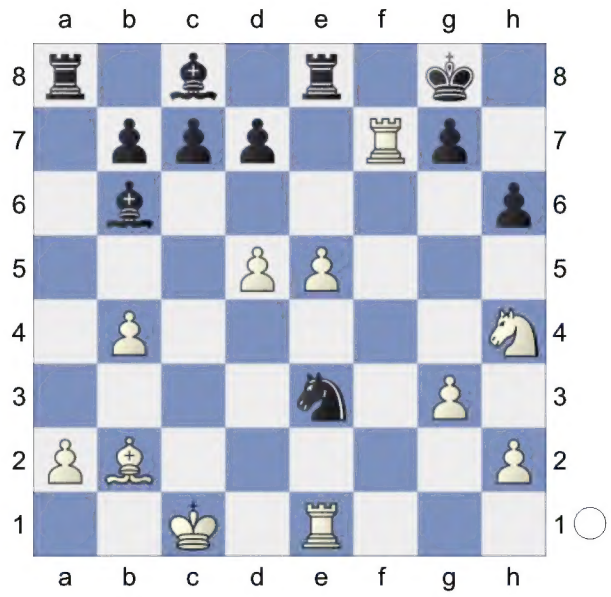
[6...Ng6 7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 1-0 (72) Charlick,H-Mann,J corr Australia 2004]
7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Qh4+N**
[8...Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.Bf4 *(13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 21.Bh6 Rf7 22.g4 Be6 23.0-0-0 Rf3* Jerome,A-Charles,S corr_167204 1881 *)* 13...Qh5 7. Italian Game: Move 4 Sidel-Jerome Gambit]
9.g3 Qf6
[9...Nf3+ 10.Kf1 Qh6 *(10...Nxh2+ 11.Kg2∓)* 11.Qd5+ Ke7 12.Qxc5+ d6 13.Qxc7+ Bd7 14.Qc3∓]
10.fxe5+ Qxe5 11.Qxe5+ Kxe5 12.b4 Bd4
[12...Bxb4? 13.Bb2+ Kxe4 14.Bxg7+-]
13.c3 Bb6 14.d4+ Ke6
[14...Kxe4 15.0-0-+]
15.Bb2 a5 16.d5+ Kf7 17.Rf1+ Kg6 -1.74/17
[⌓17...Nf6 -3.48/21 18.e5 Pin Re8]
18.Nd2? -3.31/18
[18.Rf8 -1.74/17]



18...Nf6-+ 19.Nf3 Re8 Inhibits Ne5+.
[19...Nxe4 20.Ne5+ Kh5 21.Rf4±]
20.e5 h6 21.0-0-0 Ng4 22.Rde1 axb4 23.cxb4 Ne3 24.Nh4+ Kh7 25.Rf7 Kg8?? 4.14/16
[25...Nxd5 26.e6 Re7 *(26...Nxb4 27.Rxg7+ Kh8 28.Ng6#)* 27.Nf5 Nxb4 *(27...Rxe6 28.Rxg7+ Kh8 29.Rxe6 dxe6 30.Rf7+; 27...Rxf7? 28.exf7 Kg6 29.f8Q+-)* 28.Rxe7 Nd3+ 29.Kd2+-]
[25...Rxa2-+ -3.04/18 and life is good for Black. Strongly threatening ...Kg8!. 26.Nf5 Nxf5 *(26...Nxd5? 27.Rxg7+ Kh8 28.Rf7-+)* 27.Rxf5 Kg8]



26.e6!+- dxe6 #2/17
[26...Rxe6+- 4.53/17 27.Rxg7+ *(27.dxe6 dxe6 28.Rxg7+ Kf8+-)* 27...Kf8 28.dxe6 dxe6 29.Ng6+ Ke8 30.Re7+ Kd8]
27.Rxg7+ Kf8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.76
28.Ng6#
1-0

2 **C50**
□ **Lovefully** **2712**
■ **BLITZ16** **2481**
Rapid 29.07.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
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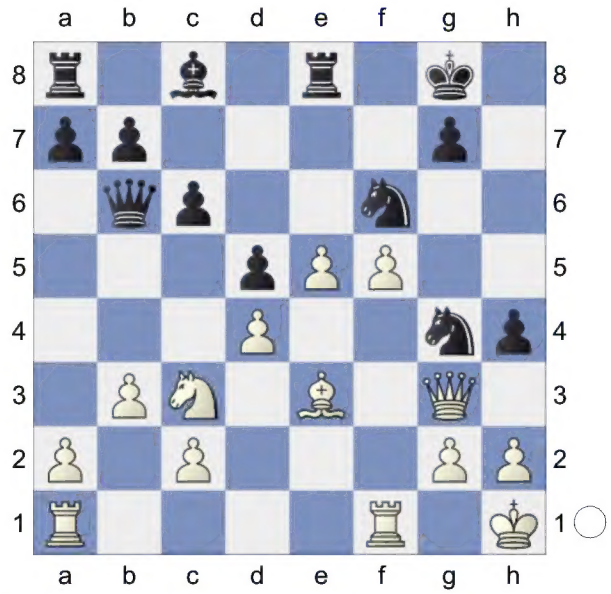
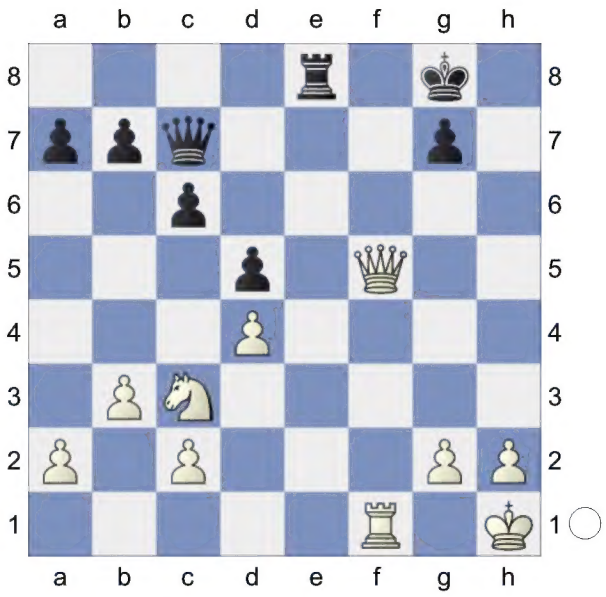
8...d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d3N
[10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 Nd7 22.cxd5 Nxd5 23.Ne4 N7b6 24.b3 a5 1-0 (72) Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6) 25.e6 h6 26.Bb2 Ke7 27.Re1 Ra7 28.Nc5 Na8 29.Nd3 b5 30.Ne5 Kd6 31.Rc1 Ra6 32.Rc5 Bb7 33.Rfc2 Rc8 34.Bc1 a4 35.b4 a3 36.Bd2 Nab6 37.Be1 Na4 38.Bg3 Ke7 39.Nd7 Nxc5 1-0 (72) Deloras,B-Walker,M EST-ch Tallinn 1943 40.dxc5 Rg8 41.Bd6+ Ke8 42.Rd2 Ra4 43.Rxd5 cxd5 44.f6 gxf6 45.Nxf6+ Kd8 46.e7+ Kc8 47.Nxg8 Bc6 48.Nf6 Rxb4 49.e8Q+ Bxe8 50.Nxe8 Rb1+ 51.Kf2 Rb2+ 52.Kf3 Rxa2 53.Nc7 b4 54.Nxd5 b3 1-0 (72) Charlick,H-Mann,J corr 1881]
10...Rf8 11.f4 Kf7 12.0-0
[12.f5? Bxf5 13.exf5 Re8 14.fxg6+ Kxg6-+]
12...Kg8 13.Nc3 c6 14.f5 Ne5 15.b3 d5 -0.29/17
[15...b5∓ -1.32/18 16.Qg3 b4]
16.Qg3!= Re8 17.d4 Qb6
[17...Nxe4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.f6 *(19.dxe5 Bxf5 20.Be3 Qc8±)* 19...Qxd4+ 20.Be3+-]
18.Be3 Neg4
[18...Nxe4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.dxe5+-]
19.e5 Threatens to win with Rae1.

19...h5 0.27/21
[⌓19...Qb4 -0.15/21 20.Ne2 h5]
20.Kh1 h4



Deflection **21.Qxh4** 0.00/23
[21.Qh3!± 0.45/22]
21...Nxe3 22.exf6 Nxf1
[22...Bxf5 23.Qg3 g6 *(23...Nxf1 24.Qxg7#)* 24.Rxf5+-]
[22...Nxf5 23.Qh5 *(23.Qg5 Qc7∓)* 23...Re3 *(23...Rf8? 24.fxg7 Kxg7 25.g4+-)* 24.Qg5±]
23.Qh5→ White wants to mate with f7+. White attacks. Chess con chili. White now steadily converts the win.
23...Bxf5? 5.01/21 **24.f7++-**
Zwischenzug, Double Attack
[Worse is 24.Qxf5 Qc7 *(24...Ng3+ 25.hxg3 Qc7 26.Rf1∓)* 25.Rxf1 Qf7=]
24...Kf8 Hoping for ...Ng3+!. **25.fxe8Q+ Rxe8 26.Qxf5+ Kg8 27.Rxf1 Qc7** 10.18/17
[⌓27...Qd8 5.08/18 28.Qf7+ Kh7 29.Qh5+ *(29.Qxb7 Qf6+-* Back Rank *)* 29...Kg8 30.Qf7+]

(Diagram)

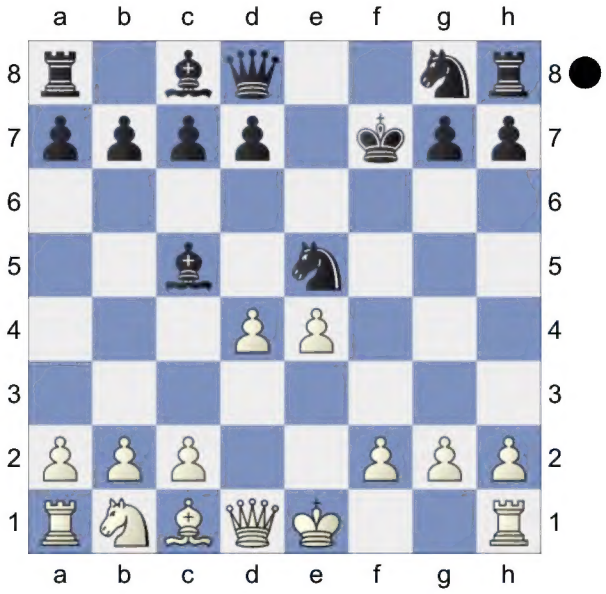


Repels Qf7+ **28.Nxd5! cxd5**
[28...Qd8 29.Qf7+]
29.Qxd5+ KQR-KQR. White is 3 pawns up. **29...Kh8 30.Qh5+ Kg8 31.Qxe8+ Kh7 32.Qh5+ Kg8 33.Qd5+ Kh7 34.Rf8 g6** Dodges Qh5+ **35.Rf7+** White mates. **35...Qxf7 36.Qxf7+ Kh6 37.Qxb7 a6 38.Qxa6 Kh5 39.Qf6 g5 40.Qh8+ Kg4 41.Qh3+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.96
41...Kf4
1-0

3 **C50**
□ **Didici12** **2709**
■ **oxudchess** **2663**
Blitz 31.05.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.d4
[6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6

15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 (23) So,W-Delmonico, N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021]



6...Qh4N

[6...Bd6 7.dxe5 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.f4 g6 10.e6+ Kg7 11.f5 Nf6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Bxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Kxf6 18.Qd4+ Kxe6 19.Qxh8 Rb8 20.Rf1 Qe7 1-0 Pammer,A (1590)-A: 5 e4 Ng6 6 Nf3 (1759) IECG CP.1996.S. 00008 1997 (6)]

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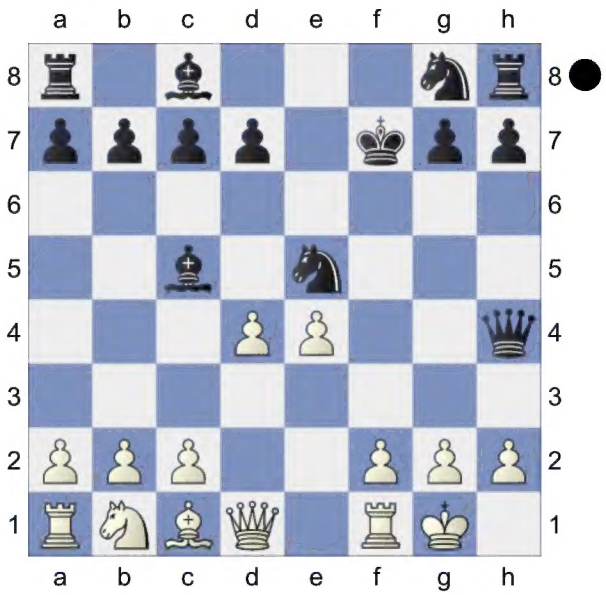


d6 8.dxc5 Black is clearly better. **8...Nf6** -1.43/17

[8...Qxe4-+ -2.44/19 ...Nf6 would now be deadly. 9.cxd6 cxd6]

9.cxd6 -1.93/18

[9.f4∓ -1.43/17 Bg4 10.Qd2]

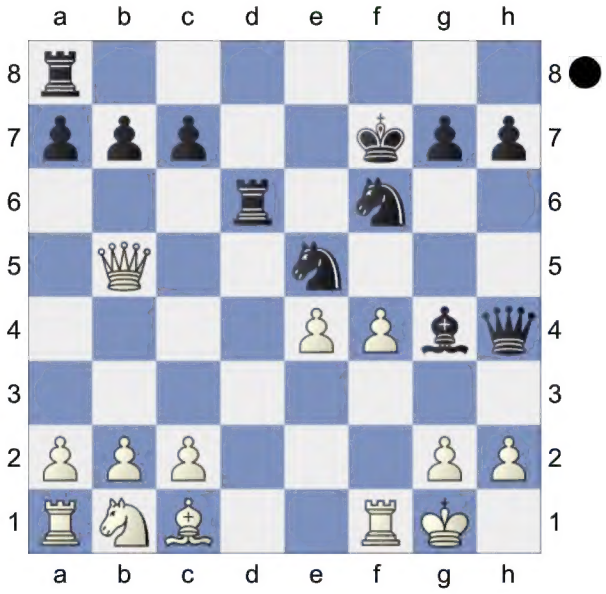
9...Rd8-+

[9...Qxe4 10.dxc7 Qg6 11.Bf4=]

10.f4 Rxd6 11.Qe2 Bg4? -0.69/20

[Black should try 11...Neg4-+ -2.56/21 12.g3 Qh5]

12.Qb5∓



Nc6 -0.31/19

[12...a6!∓ -0.73/18 13.Qxb7 *(13.Qxe5? Be2∓)* 13...Rd1 14.fxe5 Pin *(14.Qxa8? Be2-+ Pin, Decoy; 14.Rxd1 Bxd1 15.Qb3+ Kf8∓)* 14...Rxf1+ 15.Kxf1 Rf8 16.exf6 Qxf6+ 17.Ke1 Kg6]

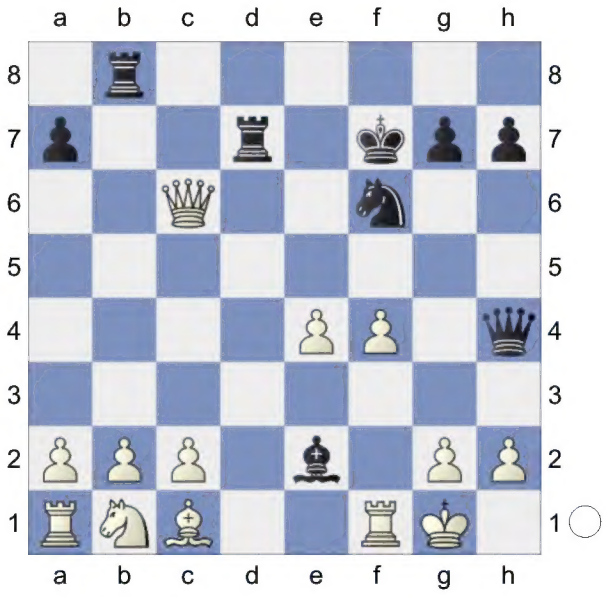
13.Qxb7 -3.31/18

[13.Nc3!∓ -0.31/19]

13...Rb8?? 2.31/20

[13...Be2-+ -3.31/18 14.Qxc7+ Rd7 15.Qxc6 Bxf1]

14.Qxc7++- Rd7 15.Qxc6 Be2



16.Nc3? 0.64/16 **Bxf1± 17.Kxf1 Qxh2 18.Be3** 0.00/20

[18.e5± 0.73/21 Threatens to win with e6+. Qh1+ 19.Kf2 Qh4+ *(19...Ng4+? 20.Kg3+-)* 20.Ke2]

18...Rbd8

[18...Rxb2? 19.e5 Qh1+ 20.Bg1+-]

19.e5 Ng4? 2.87/21

[19...Qh1+± 0.78/20 20.Bg1 Rd4 21.exf6 Rxf4+ 22.Ke2 Qh5+ 23.Ke3 Qe5+ 24.Ne4 Rxf6 25.Qc4+ Kg6]

20.e6++- Kg8 21.exd7 Threatening mate with Qe6+. **21...Nxe3+ 22.Ke2 Qxf4** 4.84/20

[⌓22...Qxg2+ 3.10/21 23.Qxg2 *(23.Kxe3?* too greedy. *Qxc6 24.Rd1 Rxd7-+)* 23...Nxg2]

23.Qe6+ Kf8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.77

24.Qxe3

1-0

4 **C50**

□ **TylerCallisto** **2654**

■ **donatello** **2685**

Blitz 15.08.2021

[TA]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

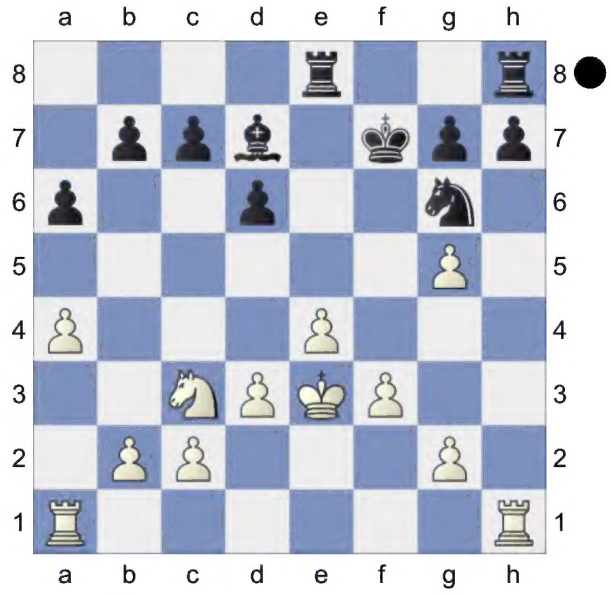
How to Refute the Jerome Gambit: There are various ways for Black to do well against the Jerome Gambit, as the sacrifice on f7 is simply wrong. If it's a light-hearted game on the Internet you might admire White's bravado, but if you come up against it at tournament level then it is best to be prepared: **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Kf8N**

[6...Ng6 7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 1-0 (72) Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6)]

[6...Ke6 7.f4 *(7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 21.Bh6 Rf7* (23) So,W-Delmonico,N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021*)* 7...d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Qh4 Rf8 11.d3

Kf7 12.Bg5 Kg8 Jerome Gambit-N, N]

7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qf4+ Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Qf6 9.Qg3 Qg6 10.f3 Qxg3+ 11.hxg3 Nf6 12.Nc3 Bd7 13.a4 a6 14.d3 Re8 15.g4 Kf7 16.g5 Ng8 17.Bf4 Ne7 18.Kd2 Ng6 19.Be3 Bxe3+ 20.Kxe3**



a5 -1.18/23

[20...Ne7!-+ -1.69/20 21.Kf2 Kg6]

21.f4∓ c6 -0.61/21

[21...Ne7∓ -1.20/20 22.Kd2 h6]

22.f5!∓ Ne5

[22...Bxf5? 23.Raf1+-]

23.d4 Nc4+ 0.00/20

[23...Ng4+∓ -0.57/22 24.Kf4 h5 25.gxh6 Nxh6]

24.Kf4= c5 0.61/19

[24...Nxb2 25.Rab1 Nc4 26.Rxb7]

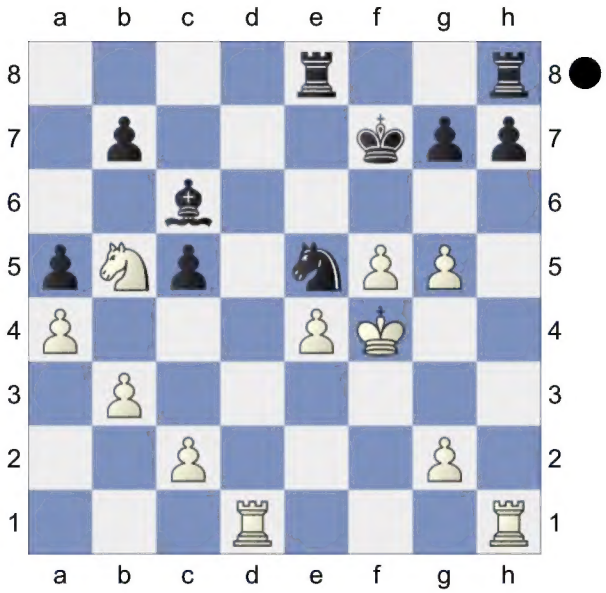
[Black should play 24...h6= 0.00/20 25.g6+ Kf8 *(25...Kf6 26.Rae1=)*]

25.dxc5± dxc5

[25...Nxb2 26.Rhb1 Nxa4 *(26...Nc4? 27.Rxb7 Re7 28.Nd5+-)* 27.Nxa4±]

26.Rad1 Bc6 27.b3↑ White is more active. **27...Ne5 28.Nb5!**

(Diagram)



and Nd6+ should not be overlooked

28...Nd7? 4.41/22

[Of course not 28...Bxb5 29.axb5 h6 30.g6+ Nxg6+ 31.fxg6+ Kxg6 32.Rd6+ Kh7 33.Rhd1±]

[28...Re7!= 0.19/22 and Black stays safe.]

29.Nd6++- Ke7 30.Nxe8 Kxe8 31.e5 Bxg2 32.Rh2 Bc6 33.Rd6 Nb6 34.Re6+ Kf7 35.Kg3? 0.90/22

[35.g6++- 5.54/20 hxg6 36.Rxh8 Nd5+ 37.Kg5 gxf5 38.Rd6 *(38.Kxf5 Bd7∓ Pin; 38.Rxc6 bxc6 39.c4 Nc7+-)*]

35...Nd5? 5.28/23

[35...Rf8± 0.90/22 is tougher.]

36.g6+ White is clearly winning. **36...Kg8**

37.Rd6 White wants to mate with Rd8+.

37...Nc7 38.Rd8+ Ne8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.59

39.f6

1-0

5 **C50**
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■ **retardedplatypus123** **2572**
Blitz 09.03.2021
[Kitty Kat]

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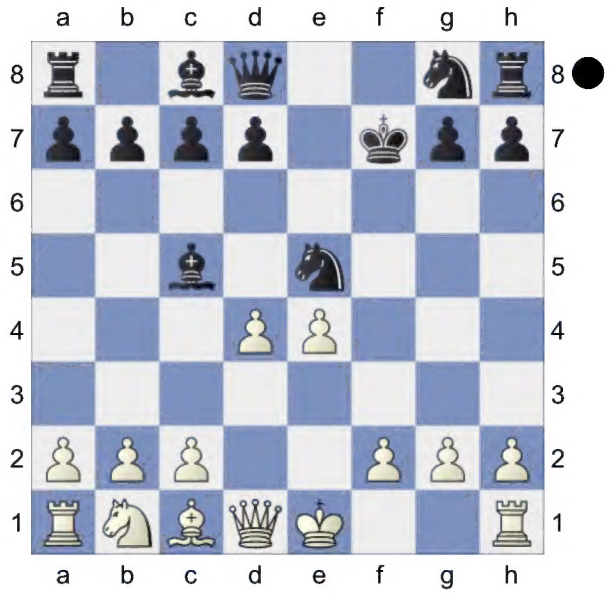
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.d4
[6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 (23) So,W-Delmonico, N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021]



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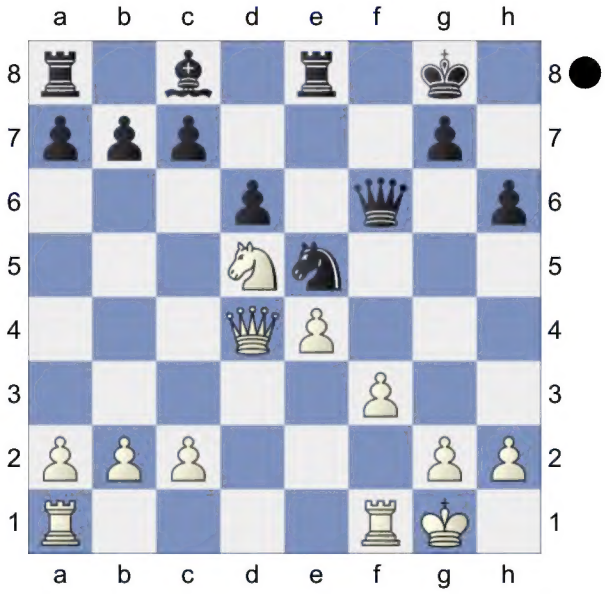
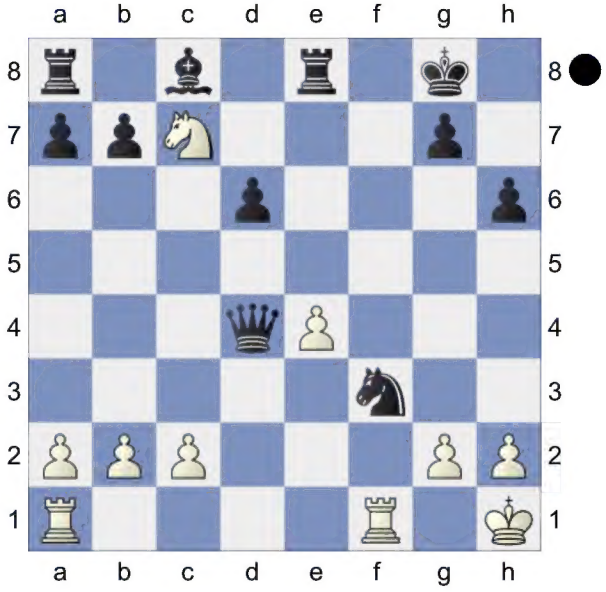
[6...Bd6 7.dxe5 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.f4 g6 10.e6+ Kg7 11.f5 Nf6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Bxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Kxf6 18.Qd4+ Kxe6 19.Qxh8 Rb8 20.Rf1 Qe7 1-0 Pammer,A (1590)-A: 5 e4 Ng6 6 Nf3 (1759) IECG CP.1996.S. 00008 1997 (6)]
7.Qxd4 d6 8.f3 Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Nf6 9.0-0 Re8 10.Nc3 Kg8 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nd5?** -8.62/23
[13.Rad1 -3.19/18]



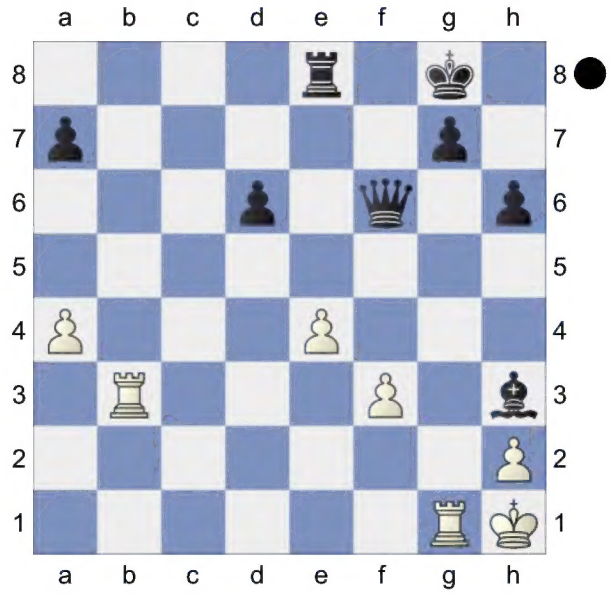
13...Nxf3+!-+ Discovered Attack, Double Attack **14.Kh1 Qxd4 15.Nxc7**



Bg4! And now ...Qxe4! would win.
16.gxf3
[16.h3 Qe5]
16...Bh3 17.Rg1 Qxb2 18.Nxe8 Rxe8 19.Rab1 Qxc2 (-> ...Rc8) **20.Rxb7 Qc3** -10.97/21

[⌓20...g5 -#10/23 21.Rbb1 Qxa2 *(21...Bg2+ 22.Rxg2 Qxb1+ 23.Rg1 Qd3 24.Rc1 Qxf3+ 25.Kg1 Rf8 26.Rb1 Qg4+ 27.Kh1 Qxe4+ 28.Kg1 Qxb1+ 29.Kg2 Qf1+ 30.Kg3 Qf3#)* 22.Ra1 Qb2 *(22...Bg2+? 23.Rxg2 Qxa1+ 24.Rg1-+)* 23.Rxa7 Qf2 24.Ra3 Rc8 25.Rb3 Bg2+ Deflection, Back Rank 26.Rxg2 Rc1+ 27.Rg1 Rxg1#]

21.Rb3 Qf6 (-> ...Qf4) **22.a4**



d5! -13.45/19 **23.f4**

[23.Rg3 dxe4]

23...Be6 -11.57/20

[⌓23...Qxf4 -#10/17 24.Rxh3 Qxe4+ *(24...dxe4? 25.Kg2-+)* 25.Rg2 Rc8 *(25...Qxa4? 26.Rf2-+)* 26.Rc3 Rxc3 27.h3 Rxh3+ 28.Kg1 Qe1#]

24.f5 Bf7 25.Rb5 dxe4 (-> ...e3) **26.Rgb1 e3** Black mates. **27.Kg1 e2 28.Kf2 Qh4+ 29.Kg2 e1Q 30.Rxe1 Qxe1 31.f6 Re2+ 32.Kf3**

Weighted Error Value: White=1.66/ Black=0.96

32...Qf2+

0-1

6 **C50**

□ **Juan_Farel** **2604**

■ **joecima** **2312**

Rapid 24.12.2020

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

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8...d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.f4N

[10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 Nd7 22.cxd5 Nxd5 23.Ne4 N7b6 24.b3 a5 1-0 (72) Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6) 25.e6 h6 26.Bb2 Ke7 27.Re1 Ra7 28.Nc5 Na8 29.Nd3 b5 30.Ne5 Kd6 31.Rc1 Ra6 32.Rc5 Bb7 33.Rfc2 Rc8 34.Bc1 a4 35.b4 a3 36.Bd2 Nab6 37.Be1 Na4 38.Bg3 Ke7 39.Nd7 Nxc5 1-0 (72) Deloras,B-Walker,M EST-ch Tallinn 1943 40.dxc5 Rg8 41.Bd6+ Ke8 42.Rd2 Ra4 43.Rxd5 cxd5 44.f6 gxf6 45.Nxf6+ Kd8 46.e7+ Kc8 47.Nxg8 Bc6 48.Nf6 Rxb4 49.e8Q+ Bxe8 50.Nxe8 Rb1+ 51.Kf2 Rb2+ 52.Kf3 Rxa2 53.Nc7

b4 54.Nxd5 b3 1-0 (72) Charlick,H-Mann,J corr 1881]

10...Qe7 11.0-0 Kd8 -0.71/18
[11...Qxe4 12.Qxe4+ Nxe4 13.Re1=]
[⩲11...c5 -1.32/20 12.d3 Bd7]

12.f5 -1.34/20
[⩲12.d3 -0.71/18]

12...Ne5∓
[12...Ng4 13.Qe2 Qh4 14.h3±]

13.h3 Prevents Neg4 **13...c6?** -0.13/20
[13...Bd7-+ -1.67/18 14.Nc3 Re8]

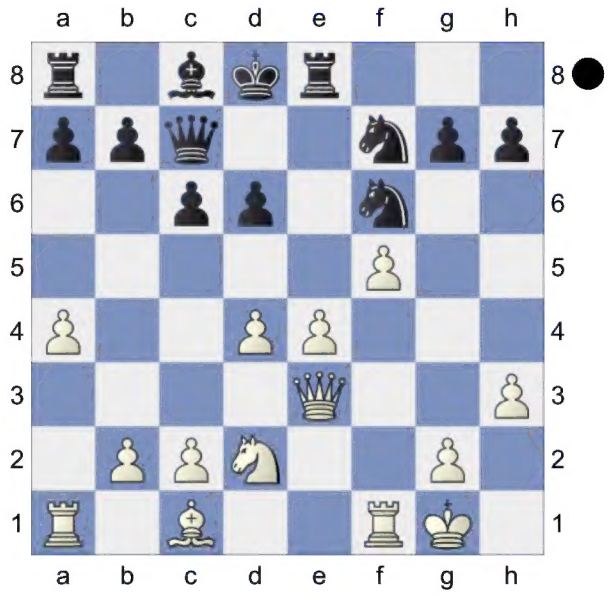
14.d3 -0.73/17
[14.d4= -0.13/20 Nf7 15.Nc3]

14...Qc7 0.35/18
[Better is 14...Bd7∓ -0.73/17 15.Qf2 Kc7]

15.d4± Nf7 16.Nd2 -0.97/20
[16.Qd3= 0.29/21 remains equal.]

16...Re8 -0.34/19
[16...c5!∓ -0.97/20 17.d5 Qe7]

17.a4 -1.24/19
[17.Qg3∓ -0.34/19]



17...Nxe4? 0.43/17 **18.Nxe4 d5**

19.Qg3! Rxe4 1.19/20
[19...dxe4± 0.52/19 20.Qxg7 e3]
White does not recover from this.

20.Qxc7+?? -2.68/19
[20.Qxg7± 1.19/20 is forced if you want to stay better. Hoping for Qg8+. Qe7 21.Qxh7]

20...Kxc7-+ 21.b3 Bd7
[21...Rxd4 22.Bf4+ Kd8 23.Rae1-+]

22.Bf4+ Kb6 23.c4 dxc4
[23...Rxd4 24.Be3 c5 *(24...Kc5? 25.Rad1+-* Pin *)* 25.Bxd4 cxd4 26.Rad1∓]

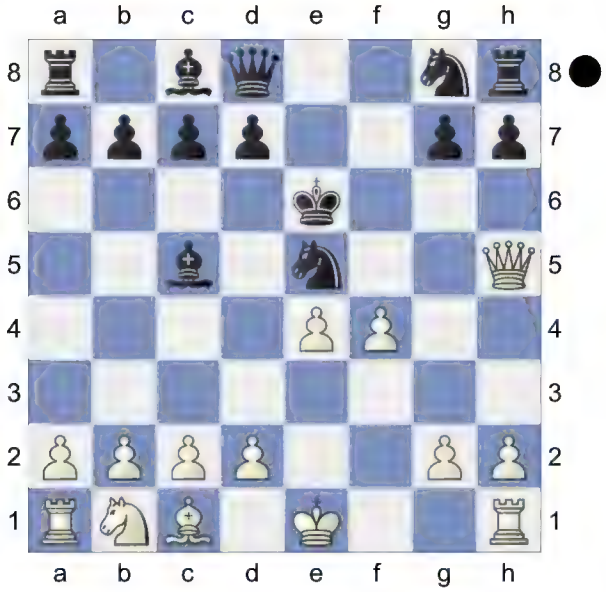
24.bxc4 Rae8
[Less strong is 24...Rxd4 25.Be3 c5 26.a5+ Ka6 27.Bxd4 cxd4 28.Rad1-+]

25.Bg3 Ka6
[Don't take 25...Rxd4 26.Bf2 c5 27.a5+ Kc7 28.Bxd4 cxd4 29.a6-+]

26.Rad1 Re2 27.Rf2 Rxf2 28.Bxf2 Bxf5 29.d5 Rd8 30.Rd4 cxd5 31.cxd5 Nd6 32.g4 Bg6 33.Bg3 Rd7 34.Be5 Bf7 35.Bxg7 Ne8 36.Be5 Rxd5 37.Rxd5 Bxd5 38.h4 Ka5 39.Bd4 a6 40.h5 Bf3 41.Kf2 Bxg4 42.Ke3 Bxh5 43.Ke4 Kxa4 44.Bb6 Kb5 45.Bd4 a5 46.Kd3 Nd6 47.Bc3 Nc4 48.Bd4 a4 49.Kc3 Nd6 50.Bh8 Bg6 51.Bg7 h5 52.Kd2 h4 53.Ke2 h3 54.Kf2 Ne4+ 55.Kf3 a3 (-> ...a2) **56.Be5 a2** Black mates. **57.Bg7 Kc4 58.Be5 Nc3 59.Bxc3 Kxc3 60.Kg4 h2 61.Kf4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.34
61...h1Q
0-1

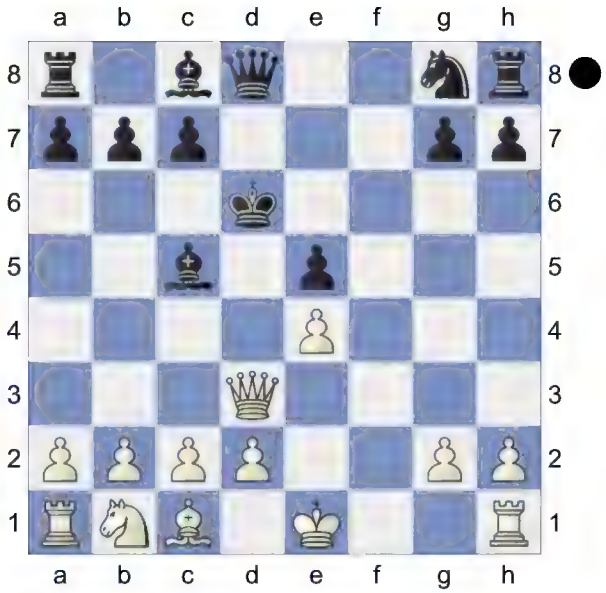
7 **C50**
□ **Arisaaa** **2594**
■ **Kittinaa** **2584**
Blitz 21.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.f4

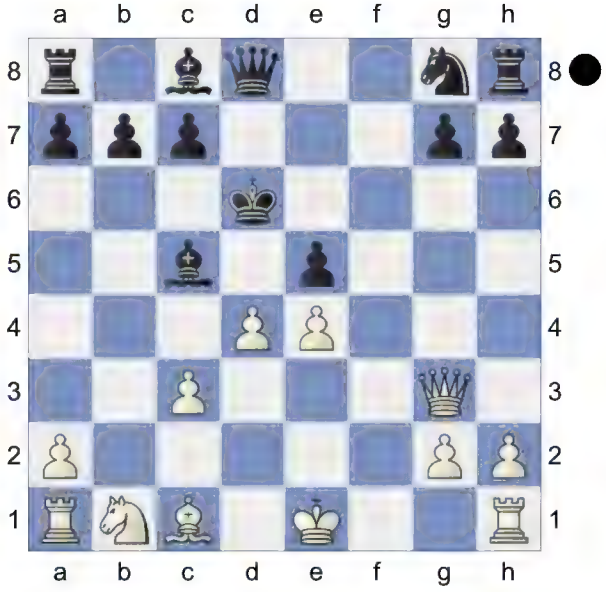


d6 8.fxe5 Black has a decisive advantage. **8...dxe5 9.Qh3+ Kd6 10.Qd3+**

(Diagram)



Ke7! 11.Qg3 Kd6N 0.12/18
[11...Kf7-+ -3.00/18 and ...Nf6 should not be overlooked 12.Qxe5 Qh4+ *(12...Bd4 13.Rf1+ Nf6 14.Qh5+ Kg8* 22. Halloween,G-Jerome Gambit *)* 13.g3 Qe7 14.Qh5+ Kf8]
12.b4!= Bxb4 13.c3! Bc5 14.d4!



Black must now prevent 0-0!. **14...Qe7** 1.11/19 **15.dxc5+± Kc6 16.Nd2** 0.77/19 White is more active.
[White should play 16.c4 1.20/18]
16...Nf6 17.Nc4 Black cannot hold the game after this. **17...Nxe4?** 6.19/16

[17...Kxc5? 18.Ba3+ *(18.Nxe5 Kb6+-)* 18...Kxc4 19.Bxe7+-]
[17...b6± 1.12/18]
18.Nxe5++-
[Stronger than 18.Qxe5 Qh4+ *(18...Qxc5? loses. 19.Qxe4+ Kb5 20.Ba3+-)* 19.g3 Nxg3 20.Na5+ Kb5 21.c6+ Ka6∓]
18...Kd5 19.c4+ White mates.
19...Kxc5 20.Ba3+ Skewer **20...Kb6 21.Qb3+ Ka6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.83
22.Qb5#
1-0

8 **C50**
□ **WaterBottleOne** **2592**
■ **Larsen,Magnus** **2578**
Blitz 08.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

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8.Qxc5+ Black is clearly better. **8...Qe7 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.Nc3 d6** -1.33/20
[10...d5-+ -2.29/17 11.exd5 Kf7]
11.0-0 Kf7 12.f4 Re8 13.f5 Ne5 -0.89/18
[Black should play 13...Nh8 -1.37/18 14.d3 Kg8]
14.d4∓ Nc6 15.Qd3 Nb4 0.59/21
[15...Nxe4 16.f6 Nxf6 17.Bg5∓]
[15...Kg8∓ -0.78/18 16.Bg5 Kh8]
16.Qc4+!± White has compensation.
16...d5! 17.Qb3

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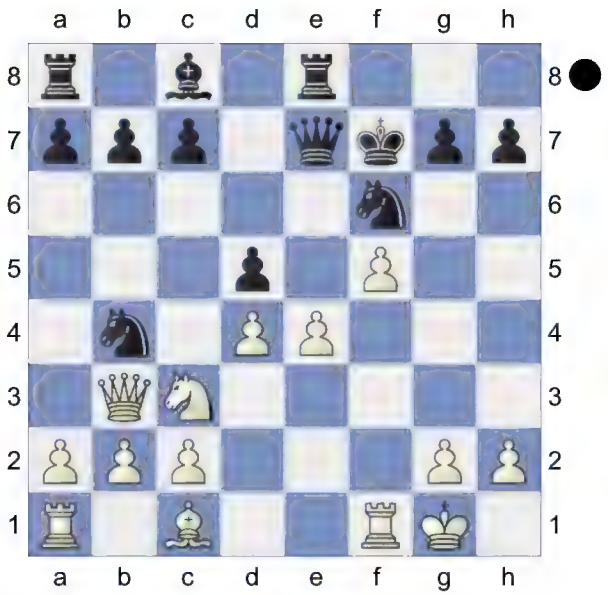

c6 1.47/20
[17...Nxe4± 0.45/18 18.Nxe4 Qxe4 19.Qxb4 Qxc2]
18.Bg5 h6 2.09/21
[18...Na6± 1.18/20]
19.Bh4+- e5 is the strong threat. **19...a5** 2.92/17
[19...Na6 1.84/18]
20.e5 c5 21.Nb5
[Not 21.exf6 Qe3+ 22.Bf2 a4+-]
21...c4 5.79/19
[21...Kg8 3.96/17 was necessary. 22.exf6 Qd7]
22.Qg3 White is clearly winning.
22...Nxc2 23.Qg6+

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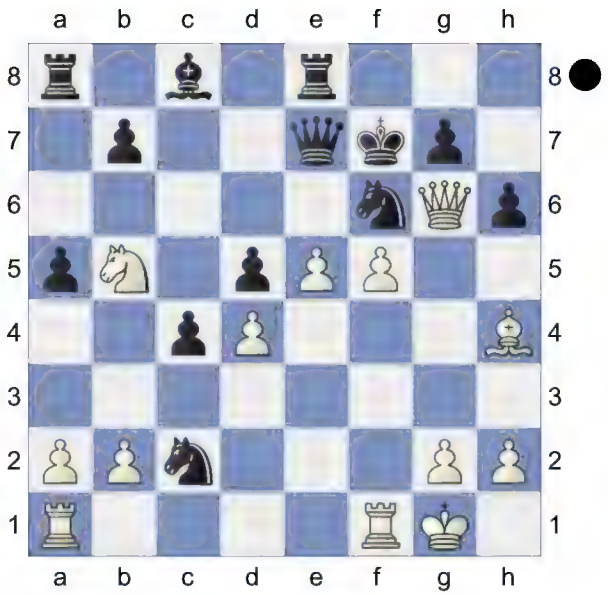

Pin **23...Kf8 24.exf6 Qf7 25.Qxf7+ Kxf7 26.Nd6+ Kf8 27.Nxe8 Kxe8 28.fxg7 Kf7 29.Rac1 Nxd4 30.Rce1** Against Ne2+ **30...Nxf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.56
31.g4 Pin
1-0

9 **C50**
□ **hyo_lee** **2580**
■ **RussianBear2023** **2549**
Blitz 01.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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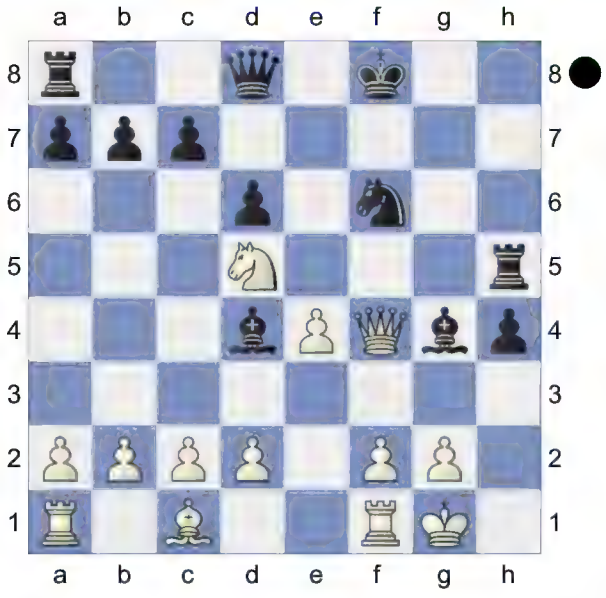
[6...Ng6 7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 1-0 (72) Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6)]

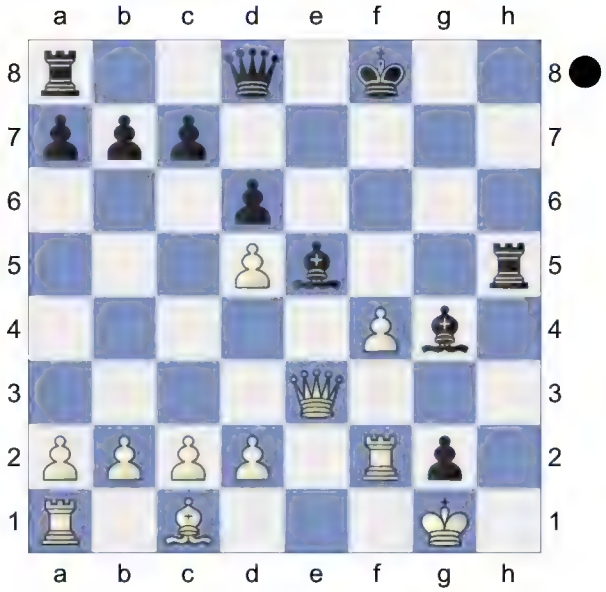
[6...Ke6 7.f4 *(7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 21.Bh6 Rf7* (23) So,W-Delmonico,N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021*)* 7...d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Qh4 Rf8 11.d3 Kf7 12.Bg5 Kg8 Jerome Gambit-N, N]

7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qg3 Black is clearly better. **8...Nf6 9.Nc3 h5 10.h3 h4 11.Qf4 Rh5 12.0-0 g5 13.Qf3 g4 14.hxg4 Bxg4 15.Qf4 Bd4 16.Nd5?** -5.32/19

[16.Kh1 -3.30/18 keeps fighting.]



16...Be5-+ 17.Qe3 Nxd5 18.exd5 h3 Threatens to win with ...hxg2. **19.f4 hxg2** (-> ...Qh4) **20.Rf2**



Qh4! Double Attack. Black mates.

21.fxe5+

[21.Rxg2 Bd4]

21...Kg8 22.Rxg2 Qh1+ 23.Kf2 Weighted Error Value: White=1.02/ Black=0.43

23...Rf8+ Normal

[23...Rxe5? is the wrong capture. 24.Rxg4+ Kh8 25.Qf3 Qxf3+ 26.Kxf3+-]

0-1

10 **C50**

□ **chessxxmaster** **2576**

■ **forbiddencheapos** **2488**

Rapid 27.09.2022

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[6...Ng6 7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 1-0 (72) Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6)]

[6...Ke6 7.f4 *(7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 21.Bh6 Rf7* (23) So,W-Delmonico,N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021*)* 7...d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Qh4 Rf8 11.d3 Kf7 12.Bg5 Kg8 Jerome Gambit-N, N]

7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qf4+ Black is clearly better. **8...Qf6 9.d3 Qxf4 10.Bxf4 Nf6 11.f3 Kf7 12.Nc3 a6 13.Ne2 Re8 14.Kd2 Bd7 15.d4 Ba7 16.c3 h6 17.g4 g5** -0.69/16

[17...Kg8-+ -1.83/17 ...Re7 is the strong threat. 18.Be3 d5]

18.Be3∓ Kg6 -0.19/20

[18...c5∓ -0.78/20 19.Rae1 cxd4 20.cxd4 d5]

19.Ng3!= Bxg4

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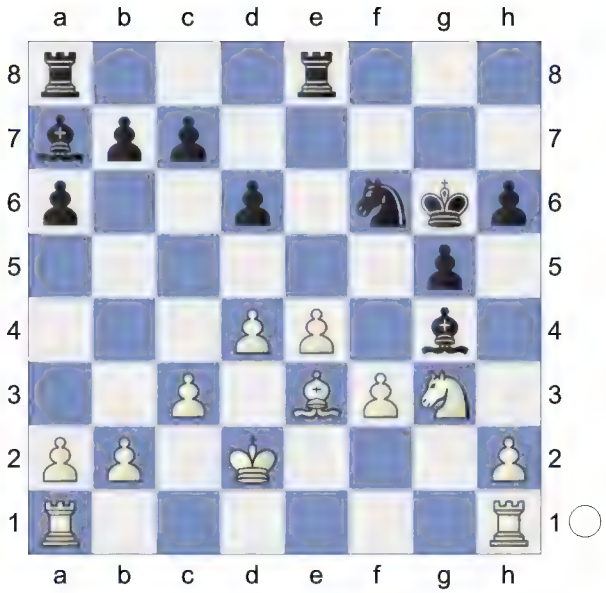
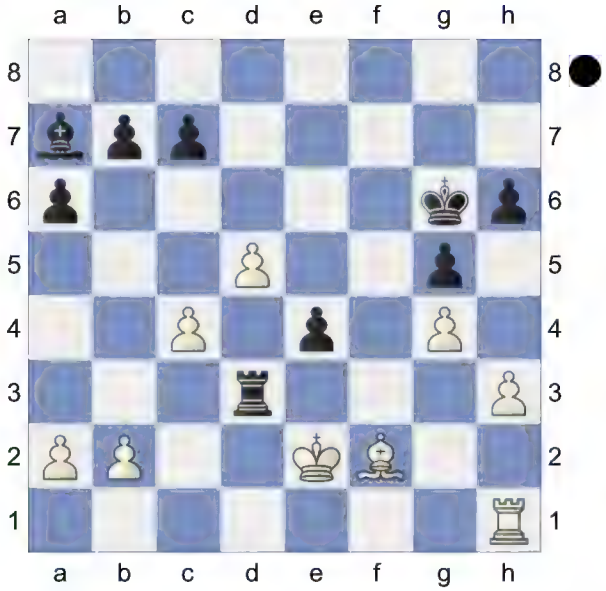


Deflection **20.fxg4 Nxe4+ 21.Nxe4 Rxe4 22.h3 Rae8 23.Rae1 d5 24.Bf2 Rf8 25.Rxe4 dxe4** Endgame KRB-KRB **26.Ke2 Rf3** Against Bg3 **27.c4 Rd3 28.d5**



This costs Black the game. **28...b5?** 5.58/23 **29.Bxa7+- bxc4** KRB-KR **30.Rc1 Rxh3 31.Rxc4 Rh2+ 32.Ke3 Rxb2 33.Bd4** White threatens Rc6+ and mate. **33...Rxa2 34.Rxc7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.84

34...Rg2
1-0

11 **C50**
□ **hellodearteddy** **2574**
■ **emandr** **2523**
Rapid 22.08.2023
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11.Nc3 -1.58/18
[⩲11.f4 -1.19/19]
11...Bd7 -0.97/19
[⩲11...d5 -1.58/18 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 *(12...Qxe4? 13.Nxf6+* Remove Defender *gxf6 14.Qxe4++-)* 13.exd5 Bf5]
12.d4 Ng4 0.52/21 Dodges f4
[12...b5∓ -0.97/16 and ...b4 would now be decisive 13.a3 Rc8]
13.Qe2 0.10/20
[13.Qd3!± 0.52/21]
13...Qh4= 14.h3 White has compensation. **14...h5** 1.05/19 Black is on the road to losing. **15.f3** 0.64/19
[15.hxg4 hxg4]
[15.Bd2± 1.05/19]
15...Nf6 1.00/18
[15...Nh6± 0.64/19 is more appropriate.]

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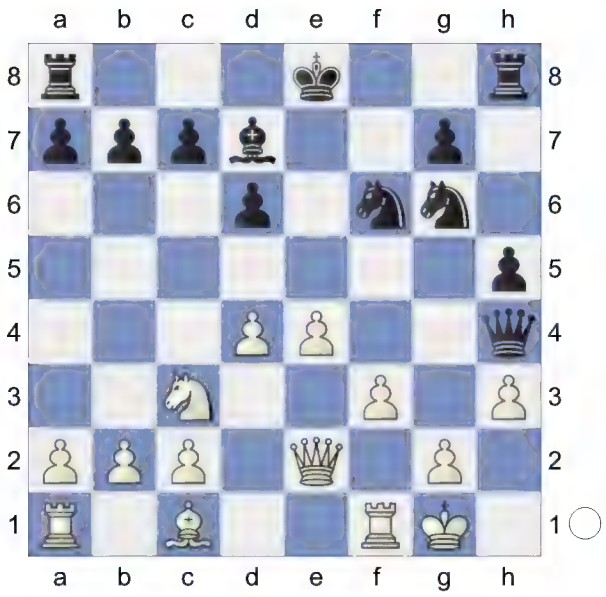
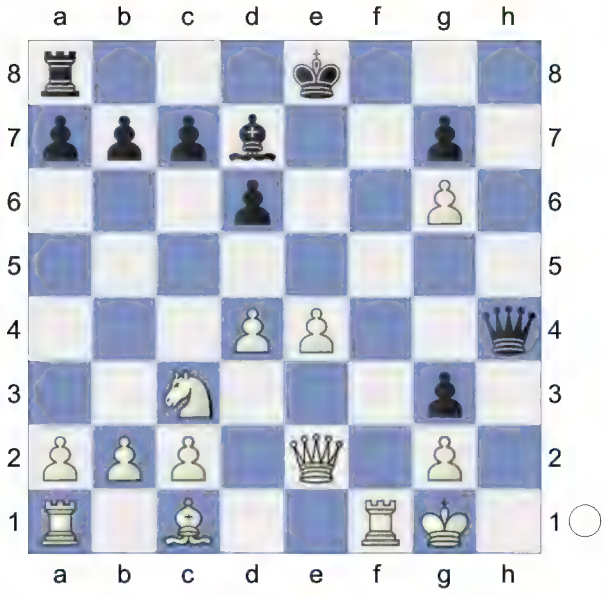


16.f4!± Ng4 1.66/18 **17.f5**
[17.hxg4? hxg4 18.g3 Qh1+ *(18...Qxg3+ 19.Qg2=)* 19.Kf2 Rh2+ 20.Ke3 Rxe2+-+]
17...Qg3 3.03/21
[17...Ne7± 1.58/17]
18.hxg4+-
[18.fxg6? Qh2#]
18...hxg4 19.fxg6 Rh1+? 5.18/5
[19...Qh4 2.77/16 is a better defense. 20.e5 d5]
20.Kxh1 Qh4+ 21.Kg1 g3



22.Rf8+!! Kxf8 23.Qf3+ Kg8 24.Qf7+ Kh8 25.Qxd7 Qh2+ 26.Kf1 Rf8+ 27.Ke2 Qxg2+ 28.Kd3 Strongly threatening Bh6!. **28...Qf1+ 29.Ne2 Qd1+ 30.Kc3** Intending Qh3+ and mate. **30...Rf3+ 31.Kb4** White mates. **31...a5+ 32.Kxa5 Qe1+ 33.b4 b6+ 34.Ka6 Qxe2+ 35.Ka7 Kg8 36.Qc8+ Rf8 37.Qe6+**
[Stronger than 37.Qxc7 Qxe4 38.d5 *(38.Kxb6? too greedy. Qa8-+)* 38...Qxg6 39.Kxb6 Qg4=]
37...Kh8 38.Qh3+ Kg8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.66
39.Qh7#
1-0

12 **C50**
□ **Arisaaa** **2565**
■ **Belyakov,Bogdan** **2427**
Blitz 17.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

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[7...Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+

16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 Nd7 22.cxd5 1-0 (72) Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6) Nxd5 23.Ne4 N7b6 24.b3 a5 25.e6 h6 26.Bb2 Ke7 27.Re1 Ra7 28.Nc5 Na8 29.Nd3 b5 30.Ne5 Kd6 31.Rc1 Ra6 32.Rc5 Bb7 33.Rfc2 Rc8 34.Bc1 a4 35.b4 a3 36.Bd2 Nab6 37.Be1 1-0 (72) Deloras,B-Walker,M EST-ch Tallinn 1943 Na4 38.Bg3 Ke7 39.Nd7 Nxc5 40.dxc5 Rg8 41.Bd6+ Ke8 42.Rd2 Ra4 43.Rxd5 cxd5 44.f6 gxf6 45.Nxf6+ Kd8 46.e7+ Kc8 47.Nxg8 Bc6 48.Nf6 Rxb4 49.e8Q+ Bxe8 50.Nxe8 Rb1+ 51.Kf2 Rb2+ 52.Kf3 1-0 (72) Charlick,H-Mann,J corr 1881]

8.Qxc5+ Black is clearly better. **8...d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4** -2.22/19

[⩲10.d3 -1.66/17]

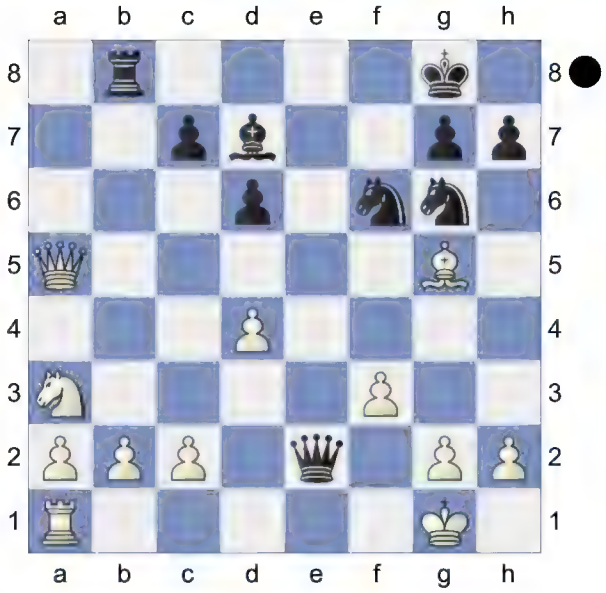
10...Kf7 11.0-0 Re8 12.Qb3+ Be6 13.Qxb7 Rb8 14.Qxa7 Nxe4 15.Na3 Kg8 16.Re1? -5.08/17

[16.f3 -2.99/15 was called for. Nf6 17.Qa5]

16...Nf6 17.Qa5 Bd7 Prevents Nb5. **18.Rxe8+ Qxe8**

[18...Nxe8 19.Bg5 Qc8 20.Nc4]

19.f3 Qe2 20.Bg5



aiming for Re1. **20...Rc8??** 4.87/21

[20...Rxb2 21.Re1+- *(21.Qxc7? perishes. Rxa2 22.Rb1 Rxa3-+)*]

[20...Re8-+ -2.49/20 and life is good for Black. White must now prevent ... h6. 21.Bxf6 gxf6]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.72

21.Re1

1-0

13 **C50**

□ **Helmi-Rojali** **2561**

■ **Just_StudentMATF** **2629**

Blitz 31.03.2020

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

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interesting game played by correspondence a short time ago between Messrs H. Charlick and J. Mann.' The variations preceded by "RR" were given by Gary Lane in an internet article on the Jerome Gambit at www.chesscafe.com in 2008. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ng6 7.Qd5+ Kf8N**

[7...Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 Nd7 22.cxd5 1-0 (72) Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6) Nxd5 23.Ne4 N7b6 24.b3 a5 25.e6 h6 26.Bb2 Ke7 27.Re1 Ra7 28.Nc5 Na8 29.Nd3 b5 30.Ne5 Kd6 31.Rc1 Ra6 32.Rc5 Bb7 33.Rfc2 Rc8 34.Bc1 a4 35.b4 a3 36.Bd2 Nab6 37.Be1 1-0 (72) Deloras,B-Walker,M EST-ch Tallinn 1943 Na4 38.Bg3 Ke7 39.Nd7 Nxc5 40.dxc5 Rg8 41.Bd6+ Ke8 42.Rd2 Ra4 43.Rxd5 cxd5 44.f6 gxf6 45.Nxf6+ Kd8 46.e7+ Kc8 47.Nxg8 Bc6 48.Nf6 Rxb4 49.e8Q+ Bxe8 50.Nxe8 Rb1+ 51.Kf2 Rb2+ 52.Kf3 1-0 (72) Charlick,H-Mann,J corr 1881]

8.Qxc5+ Black is clearly better. **8...d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.0-0 Ng4** -1.15/20

[⌓10...d5 -1.54/20 11.e5 Ng8]

11.Qg3∓ Qh4 12.Qxh4 Nxh4 13.f4 Ng6! 14.Nc3 c6 -0.40/20

[Better is 14...Nf6∓ -1.42/19 15.f5 Ne7]

15.d4 -0.76/20

[15.h3∓ -0.40/20 Nh6 16.b3]

15...Bd7 0.62/22

[15...h5∓ -0.76/20]

16.f5 Ne7 17.h3! Nf6 18.e5 dxe5 0.94/16

[18...Ne8± 0.32/17]

19.dxe5± Nfd5 20.f6? -0.77/17

[20.Ne4± 0.99/19 stays on course.]

20...Ng6 0.28/22

[20...gxf6∓ -0.77/17 21.Ne4 f5]

21.Nxd5 -0.62/17

[21.Ne4!= 0.28/22]

21...cxd5∓ 22.Bg5 Rg8 -0.39/21

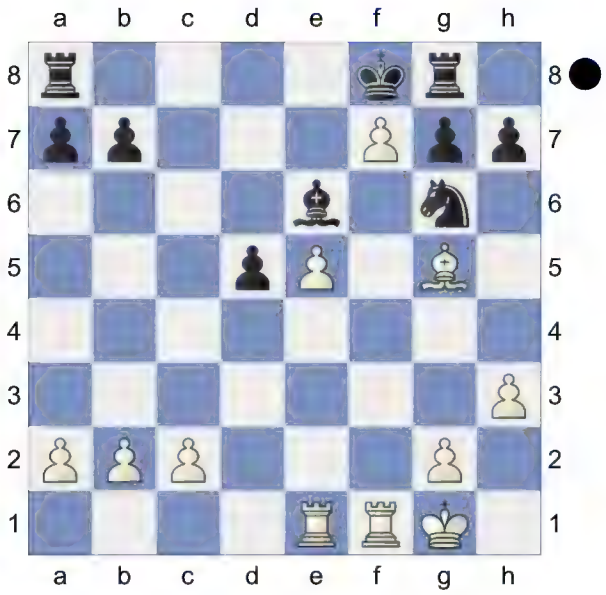
[22...Nxe5 23.fxg7+ Kxg7 24.Bf6+ Kg6 25.Bxe5±]

[22...Bb5!∓ -0.77/22 23.Rf5 gxf6 *(23...Bd7 24.Rff1=)*]

23.Rae1 -1.05/19

[23.Rad1∓ -0.39/21]

23...Be6!∓ 24.f7!



Rh8

[24...Bxf7 25.e6 Rh8 26.Bd2+- *(26.exf7 a5+-; 26.Rxf7+ Kg8+-)*]

25.Bd2

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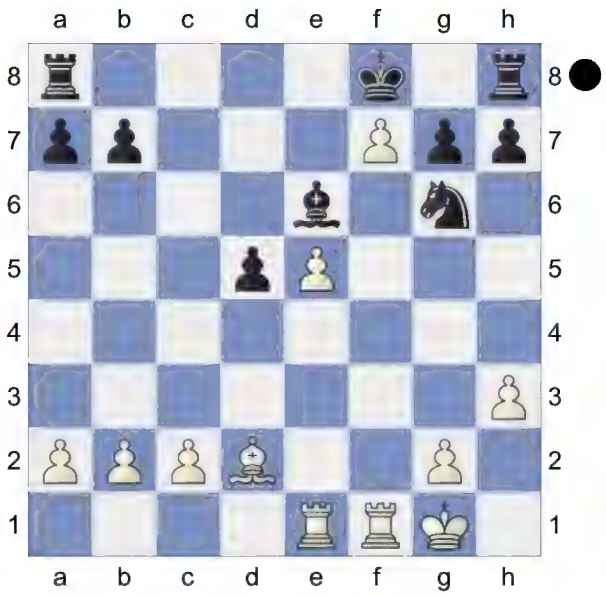


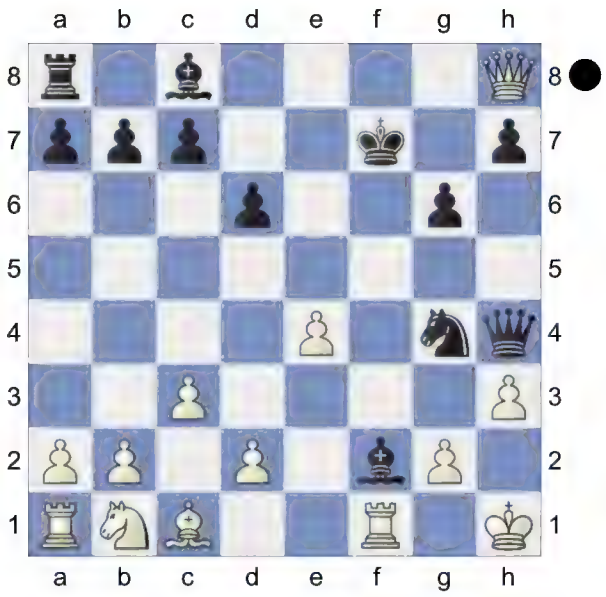
Rc8 0.00/22
[25...Bxf7? 26.e6 Ke7 27.Rxf7+ *(27.exf7+ Kd7+-)* 27...Kd6 28.Rxb7+- *(28.Rxg7 Kc6+-)*]
[25...a5!∓ -0.99/21 ...Ke7! is the strong threat. 26.b4 Ke7 *(26...Bxf7? 27.e6+- Pin)* 27.bxa5 Bxf7]
26.Bb4+= Ne7 27.c3 h5
[27...Bxf7? 28.e6+-]
28.Bd6 Rh6
[28...Bxf7? perishes. 29.e6 Rh6 30.Rxf7+ Kg8 31.Rxe7+-]
29.Rf4 -0.97/24
[29.Re3∓ -0.46/23]
29...Rc6? #7/22
[29...Bxf7 30.e6 Rd8 31.Rxf7+ Kg8 32.Bxe7+-]
[29...Rd8∓ -0.97/24]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.59
30.Bxe7+
1-0

14 **C50**
□ **Mr_Chess_Berserk** **2552**
■ **Didnt-play-badly-br0** **2784**
Classical 22.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

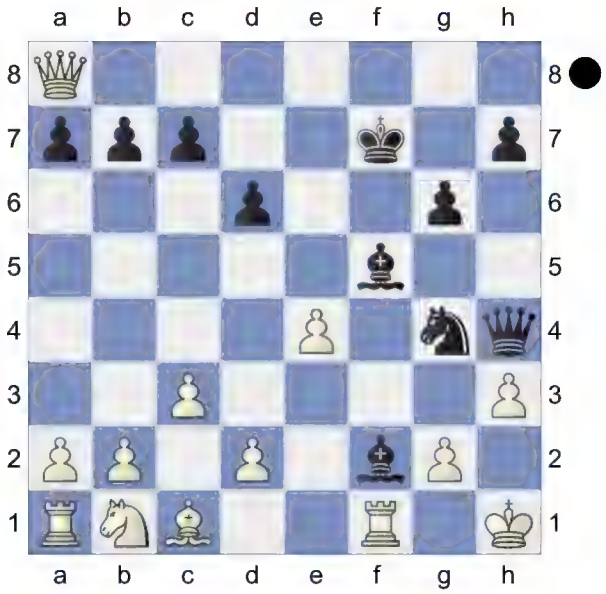
Slow 45min+30sec C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ g6 7.Qxe5

d6 2.43/17
[7...Qe7!-+ -1.79/18 avoids the disaster. 8.Qxh8 Qxe4+ 9.Kd1 Qg4+ 10.f3 Qxg2 11.Qxh7+ Kf8]
8.Qxh8+- White is clearly better. **8...Qh4**
9.0-0 And now Qc3 would win. **9...Nf6**
10.c3?? -7.03/19
[10.Qd8+- 2.40/18]
10...Ng4-+ 11.h3 Bxf2+ 12.Kh1

(Diagram)



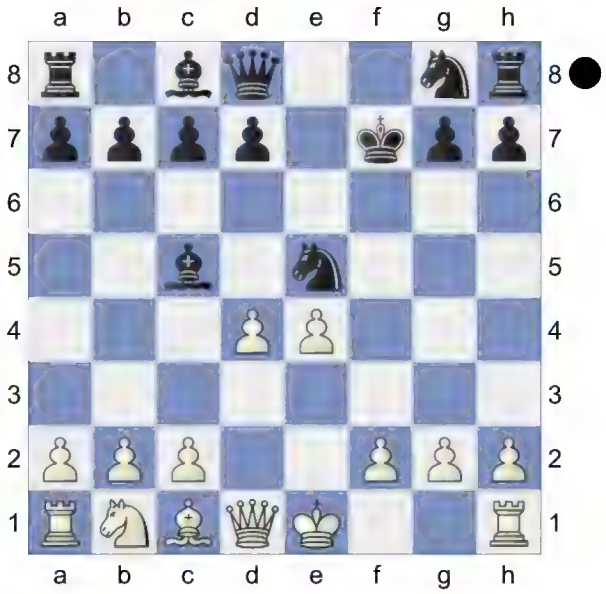
Bf5! Discovered Attack **13.Qxa8**
[13.Qxh7+ Qxh7]



13...Qxh3+!! 14.gxh3N
Weighted Error Value: White=1.78/ Black=0.78
14...Bxe4#
0-1

15 **C50**
□ **bigskytek** **2550**
■ **ferdinand122** **2586**
Rapid 06.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.d4
[6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 (23) So,W-Delmonico, N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021]



6...Bxd4N
[6...Bd6 7.dxe5 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.f4 g6 10.e6+ Kg7 11.f5 Nf6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Bxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Kxf6 18.Qd4+ Kxe6 19.Qxh8 Rb8 20.Rf1 Qe7 1-0 Pammer,A (1590)-A: 5 e4 Ng6 6 Nf3 (1759) IECG CP.1996.S. 00008 1997 (6)]
7.Qxd4 d6 8.Nc3 Black has a decisive

advantage. **8...Nf6 9.0-0 Re8 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Rad1 Kg8 13.f4 Nc6** -1.26/15

[13...Ng4-+ -2.86/17 and Black stays clearly on top. and ...Be6 would now be decisive 14.a4 Qxd4+ 15.Rxd4 Be6]

14.Qxf6∓ gxf6 15.Nd5 Kf7 0.27/19

[15...Rxe4? 16.Nxf6+ Kg7 17.Nxe4+-]

[15...Rd8!∓ -1.19/21 16.Nxc7 Rb8]

16.Nxc7= Bg4! 17.Rxd6 -0.81/19

[17.Rd2= 0.27/22 remains equal.]

17...Red8∓ 18.Rxc6 bxc6 19.Nxa8 Rxa8 Endgame KRB-KR **20.h3 Be6** -0.42/24

[20...Bd7!∓ -0.78/22]

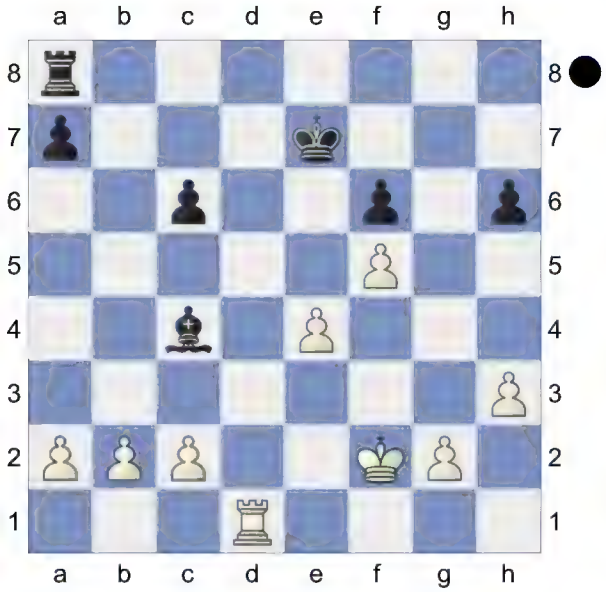
21.f5∓ Bc4

[21...Bxa2?! 22.b3±]

22.Rd1 Ke7

[22...Bxa2 23.b3±]

23.Kf2

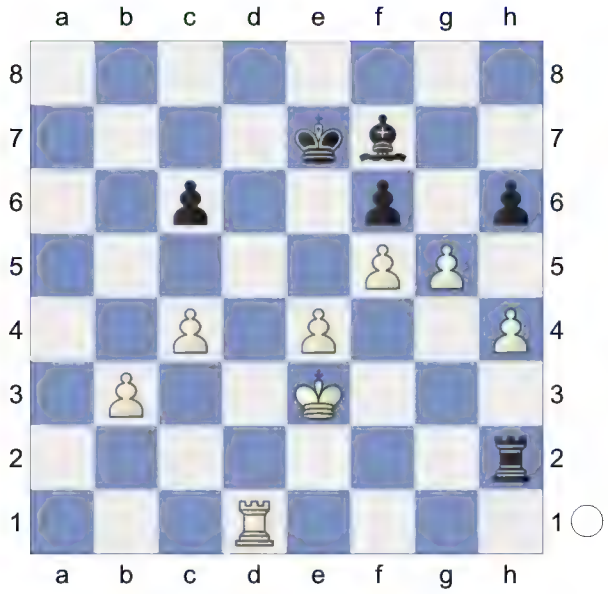


a5 0.00/27

[Black should play 23...Rd8!∓ -1.11/21 24.Rxd8 Kxd8]

24.b3= Bf7 25.Ke3 a4 26.Kf4 Ra5 27.g4 axb3 28.axb3 Rc5 29.c4 Ra5 Prevents Ra1. **30.h4 Ra2 31.g5** and g6 should not be overlooked. White has compensation. **31...Rf2+ 32.Ke3 Rh2** 0.96/22

[32...Rb2± 0.59/21 should be considered.]



33.g6!±

[33.gxh6? Rxh4 34.Kd4 Rxh6∓]

Black cannot hold the game after this.

33...Bg8 5.07/22

[33...Be8± 0.88/19 is tougher.]

34.Ra1+- White is clearly winning.

34...Rh3+ 35.Kd4 Rxb3 36.Ra8 Bxc4 37.Kxc4 KR-KR. White is a pawn up.

37...Rg3 38.Kc5 Rc3+ 39.Kb6 Rg3 40.Kxc6 h5 41.Ra7+ Kf8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.92

42.Kd6

1-0

16 **C50**
□ **JohnathanConstantine** **2521**
■ **ht101** **2574**
Blitz 21.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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[6...Ng6 7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 1-0 (72) Charlick,H-Mann,J corr Australia 2004]
7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4

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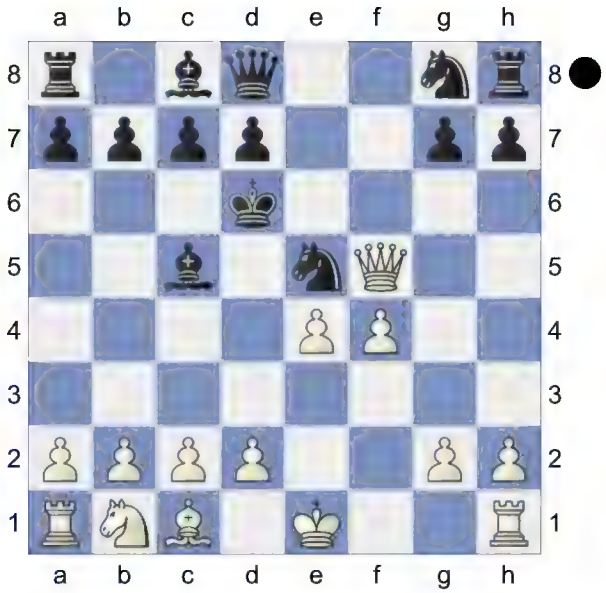
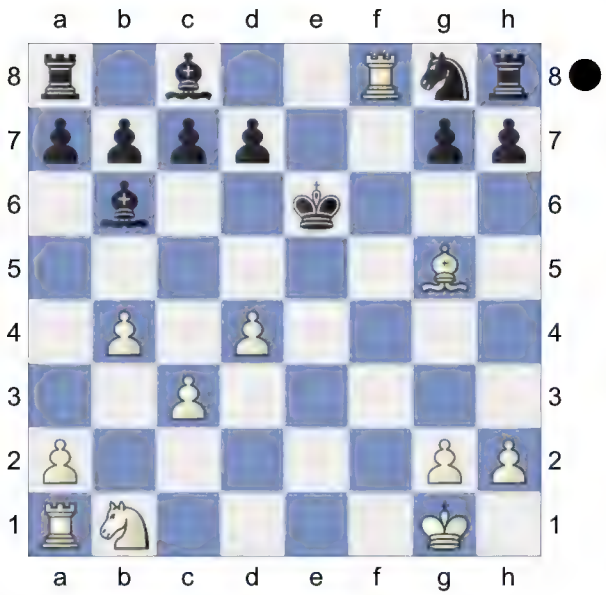


Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Qf6 9.Qxe5+N**
[9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.Bf4 *(13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 21.Bh6 Rf7 22.g4 Be6 23.0-0-0 Rf3* Jerome,A-Charles,S corr_167204 1881) 13...Qh5 7. Italian Game: Move 4 Sidel-Jerome Gambit]
9...Qxe5 10.fxe5+ Kxe5 11.b4 Bd4
[11...Bxb4? 12.Bb2+ Kxe4 13.Bxg7+-]
12.c3 Bb6 13.d4+ Kxe4 -1.42/19
[Black should try 13...Ke6-+ -2.40/18 14.0-0 Nf6]
14.0-0∓ Kd5 -1.08/23
[⌓14...Nf6 -1.45/22 15.Nd2+ Kd5 16.c4+ Kd6 *(16...Kxd4 17.c5∓)*]
15.Rf8 Ke6! 16.Bg5

(Diagram)



h6! 17.Bd8 c6? 1.65/22
[17...d6∓ -0.97/18 White must now prevent ...c6. 18.Nd2 Bd7 19.Re1+ Kd5 20.c4+ Kxd4]
18.Nd2+- Bxd8 19.Re1+ Kd6 20.Rxd8 Kc7 21.Ree8 White has strong compensation. White has more active pieces. **21...b5** 2.22/20
[21...b6 1.63/18 was called for. 22.c4 *(22.Rxg8 Rxg8 23.Rxg8 a5=)* 22...h5 *(22...a5 23.bxa5* Overworked Piece *bxa5 24.c5±)*]
22.Nb3 1.23/19
[22.Rxg8 Rxg8 23.Rxg8 a5=]
[White should try 22.h4+- 2.22/20]
22...Rb8 2.34/22 **23.Nc5**
[23.Rxg8?! Rxg8 24.Rxg8 g5]
23...Ra8

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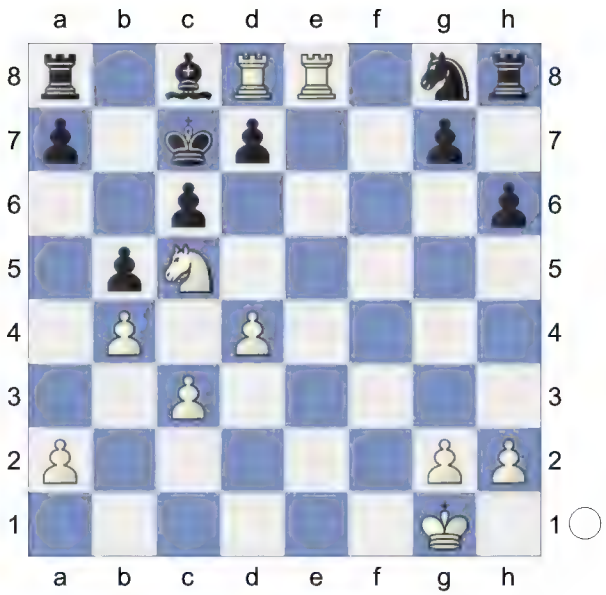
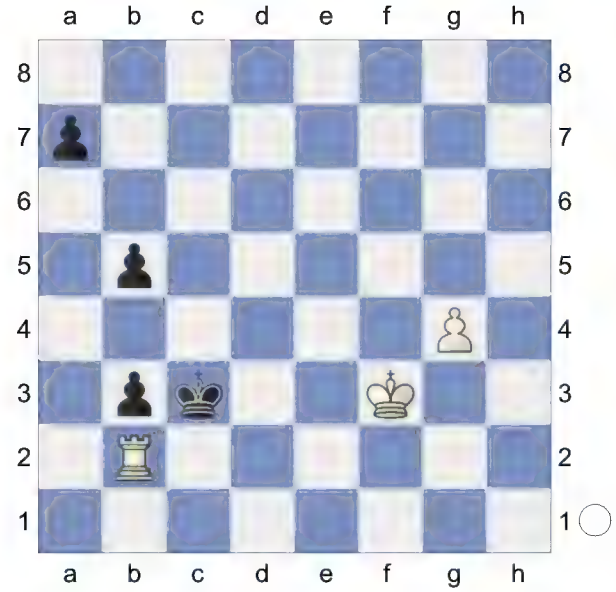


24.h4!
[24.Rxg8 Rxg8 25.Rxg8 a5=]
24...d6 25.d5 dxc5 2.64/18
[⌓25...a6 1.65/19 26.Nb3 *(26.Rxg8? Rxg8 27.Rxg8 dxc5-+)* 26...cxd5]
26.d6+ Kb6? 4.63/25
[26...Kb7 2.46/20]
27.h5
[27.d7? Bxd7 28.Rxa8 Bxe8 29.Rxe8 cxb4 30.cxb4 h5-+]
27...cxb4 28.cxb4 c5 29.Rxc8
[29.Rxg8 Rxg8 30.Rxg8 Kb7 *(30...cxb4? 31.d7-+; 30...Kc6? 31.bxc5 a5 32.g4-+)* 31.Rxg7+ Kc6 32.bxc5 Bd7-+ *(32...Kxc5 33.d7∓)*]
[29.d7 Bxd7 *(29...cxb4? 30.Rxc8+-)* 30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Rxa8 Bxe8 32.Rxe8 Kb4-+]
29...Rxc8 30.Rxc8 cxb4 Endgame KRN-KR **31.d7 Nf6 32.Rxh8 Nxd7** KR-KN **33.Rg8 Nf6 34.Rxg7** aiming for Rg6. **34...Nxh5 35.Rh7 Nf4 36.Rxh6+ Kc5 37.Ra6 Ne2+ 38.Kf2 Nc3 39.g4 Kc4 40.Kf3 Nxa2 41.Rxa2** KR-K3P **41...b3 42.Rb2**
[42.Rxa7? b2 43.Rf7 *(43.Rc7+? Kb3-+)* 43...b1Q-+ *(43...b1B?* perishes. *44.Ke3+-)*]

42...Kc3



43.Rxb3+!! **Kxb3** KPP-KP. Black is a pawn up.
[43...Kc4 44.Rb1]
44.g5 **Kc2** **45.g6** White threatens g7 and mate. **45...b4** **46.g7** White mates. **46...b3** **47.g8Q**
[47.g8R b2 48.Rc8+ Kb3=]
47...b2 **48.Qh7+** **Kc1** **49.Qh1+**
[49.Qxa7 b1Q=]
49...Kc2 **50.Qg2+** **Kb3** **51.Qg8+** **Kc2** **52.Qg6+** **Kc1** **53.Qg1+** **Kc2** **54.Qf2+**
[54.Qxa7 b1Q=]
54...Kc3 **55.Qe3+**
[55.Qxa7 b1Q=]
55...Kc2 **56.Qe2+**
[56.Qxa7 b1Q=]
56...Kc3 **57.Qe1+** **Kc2** **58.Qe2+** **Kc3** **59.Qe3+** **Kc2** **60.Qe4+**
[Stronger than 60.Qxa7 b1Q=]
60...Kc1 **61.Qe1+** **Kc2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.75
62.Qe2+? 0.00/73 Normal
[62.Qe4+ #20/21 mates Kc3 63.Qb1 Kd4 64.Qxb2+ Kd5 65.Qb4 Ke5 66.Qc5+ Ke6 67.Ke4 *(67.Qxa7 Kd6 68.Qa5 Ke6 69.Kf4 Kf6 70.Qe5+ Kf7 71.Kg5 Kg8 72.Kf6 Kh7 73.Qc7+ Kh8 74.Qg7#)*]
½-½

17 **C50**
□ **Wunder,Stefan** **2508**
■ **Dammer,Axel** **2385**
corr RSRANDOM-225 18.08.2016
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 **e5** **2.Nf3** **Nc6** **3.Bc4** **Bc5** **4.Bxf7+** **Kxf7** **5.Nxe5+** **Nxe5** **6.d4**
[6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 (23) So,W-Delmonico, N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021]

6...Qh4N
[6...Bd6 7.dxe5 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.f4 g6 10.e6+ Kg7 11.f5 Nf6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Bxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Kxf6

18.Qd4+ Kxe6 19.Qxh8 Rb8 20.Rf1 Qe7 1-0 Pammer,A (1590)-A: 5 e4 Ng6 6 Nf3 (1759) IECG CP.1996.S. 00008 1997 (6)]

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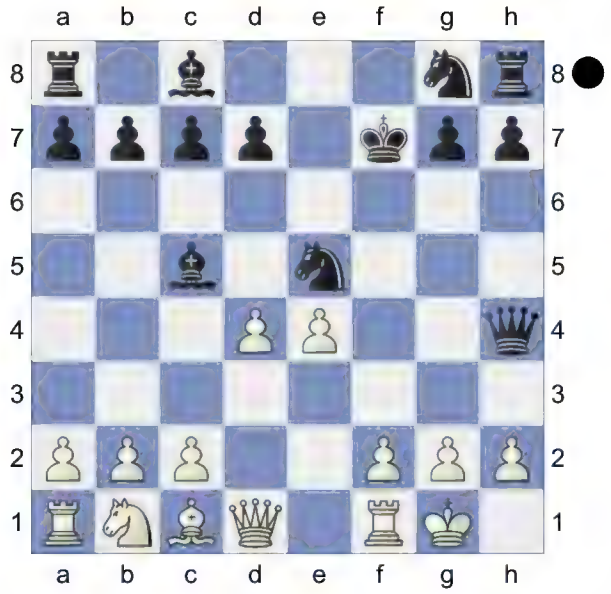

Qxe4! 8.dxc5 Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Nf6 9.Nc3 Qc6 10.Be3 Re8 11.Bd4 b6 12.cxb6 axb6 13.f3 Kg8 14.a4 Re7 15.Re1 d6 16.Re3 Bb7 17.Qf1 Nd5 18.Nxd5 Qxd5 19.c3 Bc6 20.h3 Ree8 21.Qe2 Ng6 22.b4 Nf4**

[22...Bxa4 23.Rxa4 Qf7 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.c4∓]

23.Qd2 Re6

[23...Rxa4? 24.Rxe8+ Bxe8 25.Rxa4 Nxh3+ *(25...Bxa4 26.Qxf4 h6 27.Qg4=)* 26.gxh3∓]

24.Rxe6 Nxe6 25.a5 bxa5 26.Rxa5 Rxa5 27.bxa5 Qxa5 28.Kf2? -7.23/17

[28.Be3 -3.97/16]

28...Nxd4-+ Black is clearly winning. **29.Qxd4 Qc5 30.Qe3 Qxe3+ 31.Kxe3 Kf7** Threatens to win with ...g5. **32.Kd3 Kf6 33.Ke3 Ke5 34.Ke2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.13 (very precise)

34...Kd5 [Event "RSRANDOM-225"] **0-1**

18 **C50**

□ **Igor_Perelygin** **2456**

■ **thickgreenphlegm** **2571**

Blitz 31.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

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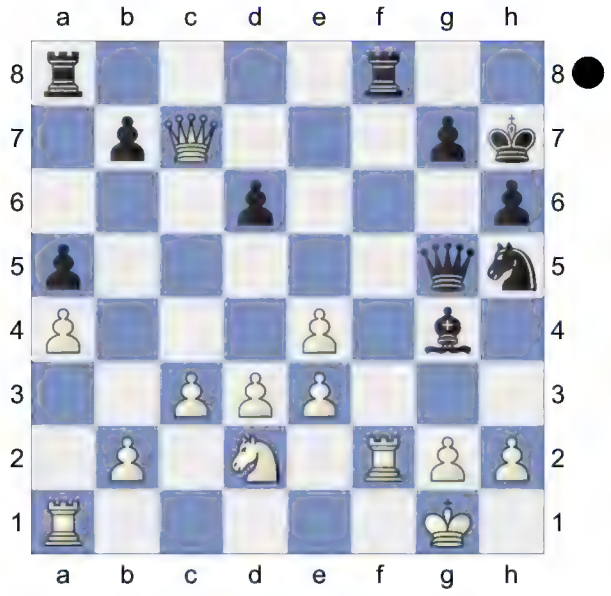
[6...Ng6 7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 1-0 (72) Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6)]

[6...Ke6 7.f4 *(7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 21.Bh6 Rf7* (23) So,W-Delmonico,N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021*)* 7...d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Qh4 Rf8 11.d3 Kf7 12.Bg5 Kg8 Jerome Gambit-N, N]

7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qg3 Black is clearly better. **8...Nf6 9.d3 Be6 10.0-0 Kg8**

11.c3 Bb6 12.a4 a5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Kh7 16.Nd2 Nh5 17.Qf3 Qg5 18.Rf2 Bg4 19.Qf7 Rhf8 20.Qxc7 -9.13/18

[20.Qd5 -3.66/18]



20...Qxe3-+ 21.Raf1 Rxf2 22.Rxf2 Rf8 23.Nf3 Bxf3 -14.40/20

[⌓23...Rxf3 -#5/18 24.Qxg7+ Nxg7 25.gxf3 Bh3 26.Kh1 Qe1+ 27.Rf1 Qxf1#]

24.gxf3

Weighted Error Value: White=1.00/ Black=0.28 (precise)

24...Rxf3

0-1

19 **C50**

□ **Hambleton,Aman** **2454**

■ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia** **2206**

Titled Tue 15th Mar Late blitz (8) 15.3.22

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

Main notes are from Melbourne paper but GA MacDonnell also published it in ISDN for 3 Sept 1881 - he has got it from Adelaide Observer. 'A very interesting game played by correspondence a short time ago between Messrs H. Charlick and J. Mann.' The variations preceded by "RR" were given by Gary Lane in an internet article on the Jerome Gambit at www.chesscafe.com in 2008. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ng6 7.Qd5+ Kf8N**

[7...Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 Nd7 22.cxd5 1-0 (72) Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6) Nxd5 23.Ne4 N7b6 24.b3 a5 25.e6 h6 26.Bb2 Ke7 27.Re1 Ra7 28.Nc5 Na8 29.Nd3 b5 30.Ne5 Kd6 31.Rc1 Ra6 32.Rc5 Bb7 33.Rfc2 Rc8 34.Bc1 a4 35.b4 a3 36.Bd2 Nab6 37.Be1 1-0 (72) Deloras,B-Walker,M EST-ch Tallinn 1943 Na4 38.Bg3 Ke7 39.Nd7 Nxc5 40.dxc5 Rg8 41.Bd6+ Ke8 42.Rd2 Ra4 43.Rxd5 cxd5 44.f6 gxf6 45.Nxf6+ Kd8 46.e7+ Kc8 47.Nxg8 Bc6 48.Nf6 Rxb4 49.e8Q+ Bxe8 50.Nxe8 Rb1+ 51.Kf2 Rb2+ 52.Kf3 1-0 (72) Charlick, H-Mann,J corr 1881]

8.Qxc5+ Black is clearly better. **8...d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.Nc3** -2.23/18

[10.f4∓ -1.57/19 was called for.]

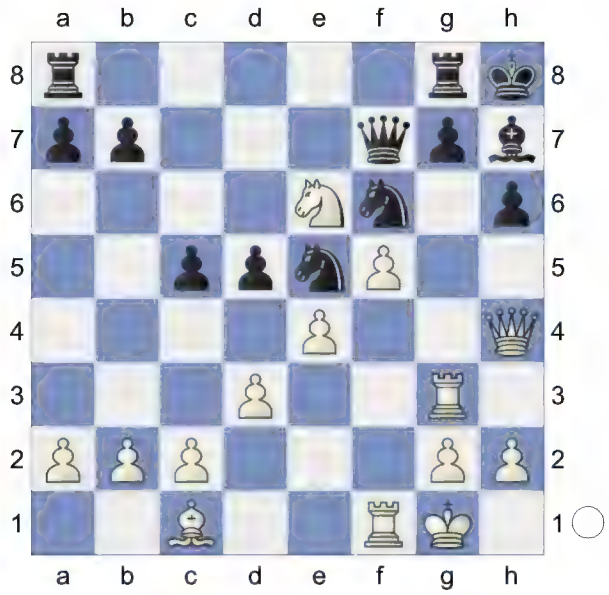
10...Kf7 11.0-0 -2.47/19

[⌓11.d3 -1.77/18]

11...Re8 12.d3 Kg8 13.Qg3 Be6 -1.18/19

[13...Nh5-+ -2.00/19 14.Qg5 Qxg5 15.Bxg5 Nhf4]

14.f4∓ and f5 should not be overlooked
14...Bf7 15.f5 Ne5 16.Bg5 Kh8 17.Rae1 c5 18.Qh4 Qe7 -0.40/19
[18...c4∓ -1.46/16 19.d4 Ned7]
19.Re3∓ Bg8 20.Ne2! h6
[20...Bxa2?! 21.b3±]
21.Rg3 -0.65/20
[21.Nf4!= 0.00/19]
21...Bh7 22.Bc1 -0.93/17
[22.Bxf6∓ -0.38/17 Qxf6 23.Qxf6 gxf6 24.Nf4]
22...Qf7 23.Nf4! Dodges Qh5 **23...d5** 0.61/20
[23...b5∓ -0.72/18]
24.Ne6± Rg8
[24...Rxe6 25.fxe6 Qxe6 26.Bxh6=]



25.Nxg7? -2.18/19 **Rxg7-+ 26.Rxg7 Qxg7**
[26...Kxg7 27.Qg3+ Neg4 (*27...Nfg4 28.h3=* Pin) 28.e5∓]
27.Bxh6 Qf7 28.Bf4 Re8 29.Bg5 Ned7 30.Re1 dxe4 31.dxe4

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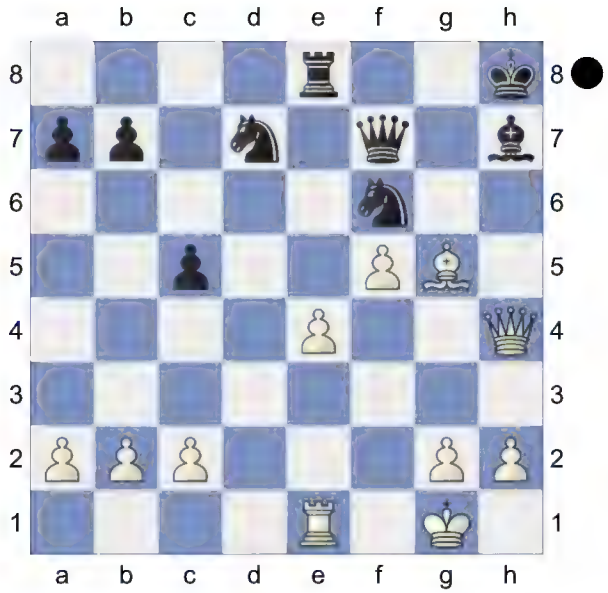

Nxe4 -1.37/16 This costs White the game. **32.Bf4?** -4.32/16
[32.Rxe4∓ -1.37/16 was forced. Rxe4 33.Qxe4 Bxf5 *(33...Qxa2 34.Bd2±; 33...Qxf5 34.Qe8+ Kg7 35.Qe7+ Kg6 36.Bd2∓)* 34.Qh4+ Kg8 35.Bd2]
32...Nef6 Black is clearly winning.
[Don't take 32...Qxf5 33.h3]
33.Rxe8+ Qxe8 34.Bg5 Qe5 35.Qf2 Qxf5 36.Qh4 Qe5 37.h3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.36
37...Qd4+
0-1

20 **C50**
□ **Hambleton,Aman** **2437**
■ **Aliakbarov,A** **2152**
Titled Tue 27th Sep Early blitz (8)
[Kitty Kat]

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7.Qxe5 Qe7 8.Qf4+ Black is clearly better. **8...Nf6 9.Nc3 d6 10.d3 Kg8 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 c5 13.0-0-0 h6** -1.16/18

[⌓13...Bd7 -1.60/20 14.d4 Rc8]

14.f4 -2.13/19

[14.d4∓ -1.16/18]

14...Kh7 15.h3 Re8 -0.77/21

[⌓15...Bd7 -1.23/17 16.e5 Rhf8]

16.Qf3

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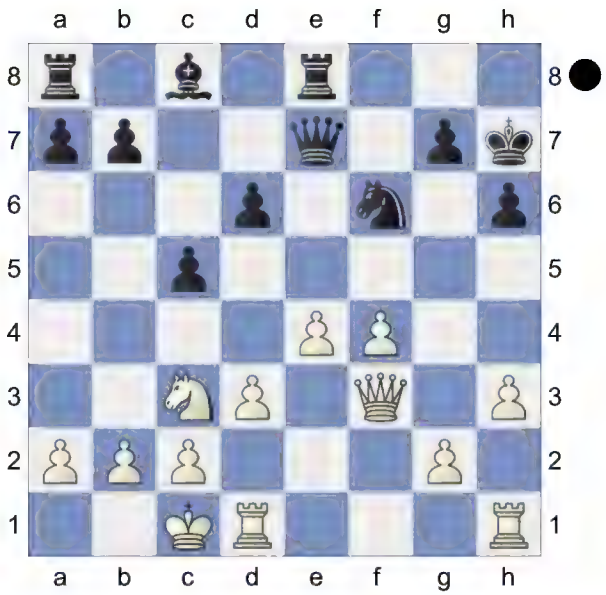


d5 0.52/18 **17.e5± Ng8 18.Nxd5** -0.25/19

[18.Qxd5± 0.58/20 Kh8 19.Ne4]

18...Qf7= 19.Nc3 -0.72/21

[19.Rhf1= -0.18/19]

19...Rb8 -0.23/20

[19...Bd7!∓ -0.72/21]

20.Kb1 b5↑ Black fights for an advantage. **21.Rhf1 b4 22.Ne4 Bb7! 23.Qe3 Bxe4 24.dxe4 Rbd8** 0.03/19

[Better is 24...c4∓ -0.72/18]

25.Rxd8 -1.06/16

[25.Rd6!= 0.03/19]

25...Rxd8∓ 26.f5

[26.Qxc5? Qxf4 27.Rc1 Qxe4-+]

26...Rd4 -0.50/19

[26...Qc4 27.Re1∓]

[26...Qc7!∓ -1.06/19 27.Qf4 Ne7]

27.e6 -1.41/22

[27.b3!∓ -0.50/19]

27...Qb7 28.Re1 Nf6! 29.e5 Re4 -0.38/21

[29...Ne4!-+ -1.75/21 30.Kc1 Qd5]

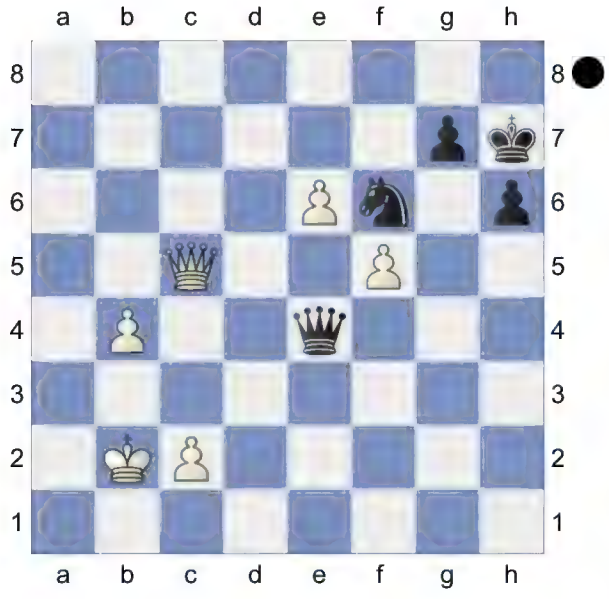
30.Qf2 -1.05/19

[30.Qg3!∓ -0.38/21 Rxe1+ 31.Qxe1]

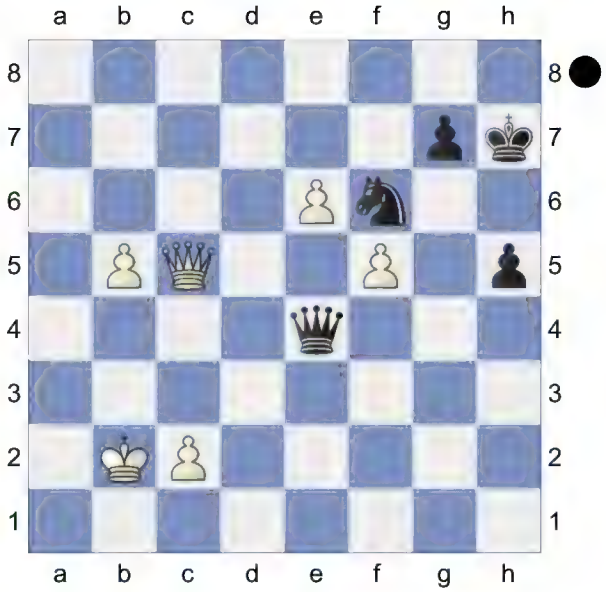
30...Ne8? 1.15/21

[30...Ng8!∓ -1.05/19 and life is bright. Strongly threatening ...Rxe1+. 31.g4

Qd5]
31.g4? -2.21/18
[31.Rd1!± 1.15/21 is forced if you want to stay better. Black must now prevent f6 . Kg8 *(31...Rxe5 32.Qg3=)* 32.Rd7 *(32.Qxc5 Qc7±)*]
31...Qd5!-+ 32.b3
[32.e7 Qxe5 *(32...Rxe5? 33.a3-+)* 33.Rxe4 Qxe4]
32...Qxe5 -0.75/18
[32...Rxe5-+ -2.43/19 is more deadly. 33.Qg3 Rxe1+ 34.Qxe1 Kg8]
33.Rxe4∓ Qxe4 34.Qxc5 Nf6 35.a3 -1.90/21
[White must play 35.e7!∓ -0.70/19]
35...bxa3 -1.17/19
[35...Qh1+-+ -1.90/21 36.Kb2 Qxh3 *(36...bxa3+ 37.Kxa3 Qxh3 38.e7∓)* 37.axb4 Qxg4 *(37...Nxg4 38.Qxa7 Qf3 39.Qc5±)*]
36.Qxa3 -2.38/19
[36.Ka2∓ -1.17/19]
36...Qh1+-+ 37.Kb2 -3.94/22
[37.Qc1 -2.78/19 is a better defense. Qxh3 38.e7]
37...Qxh3 38.Qxa7 Qxg4
[Not 38...Nxg4 39.Qd4∓]
39.Qc5 Qe4 40.b4



h5! 41.b5



h4! 42.Qc6? -14.08/18
[42.b6 -2.80/18 h3 43.Qc3]
42...Qxc6 Black is clearly winning.
43.bxc6 Ne8 44.Kc3 h3 45.f6 gxf6 46.c7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.38
46...Nxc7
0-1

21 **C50**
□ **Jarecki,Marian** **2423**
■ **Mantau,Jan** **1991**
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[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.d4
[6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 (23) So,W-Delmonico,

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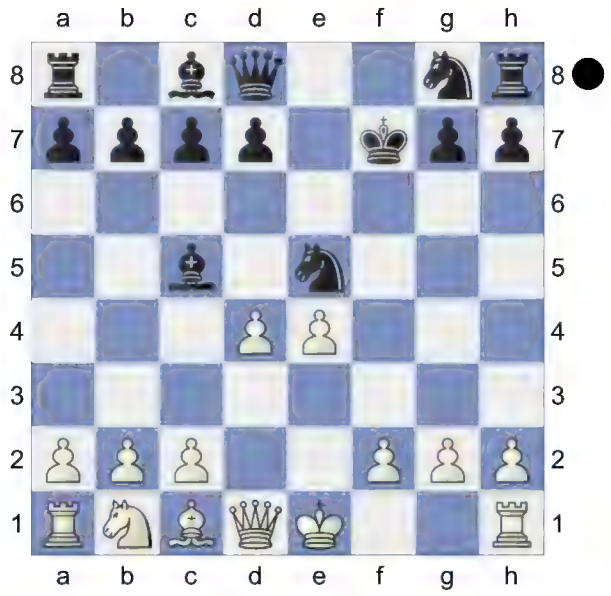


6...Bxd4N

[6...Bd6 7.dxe5 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.f4 g6 10.e6+ Kg7 11.f5 Nf6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Bxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Kxf6 18.Qd4+ Kxe6 19.Qxh8 Rb8 20.Rf1 Qe7 1-0 Pammer,A (1590)-A: 5 e4 Ng6 6 Nf3 (1759) IECG CP.1996.S. 00008 1997 (6)]

7.Qxd4 Qe7 8.Nc3 Black is clearly better. **8...Nf6 9.Bg5 Nc6 10.Qd3 Re8 11.0-0 d6 12.Nd5** -2.20/19

[12.f4∓ -1.57/20 was called for.]

12...Qxe4-+ 13.Bxf6 Qxd3

[13...gxf6 14.Nxc7 Qxd3 15.cxd3∓]

14.cxd3 gxf6 15.Nxc7 Bf5 16.d4 Rac8 17.Nxe8 Rxe8

[17...Kxe8 18.Rfd1∓]

18.d5 Nb4 19.Rac1 Nxd5 20.Rfd1 Nf4 21.Rc4 Nd3 -0.88/17

[21...Re4! -1.39/24 22.Rxe4 Bxe4]

22.g4∓ Bg6 23.f4 Nxb2 24.Rc7+ Re7 25.Rxe7+ Kxe7 26.Re1+ Kf8 27.f5! Bf7 28.Rb1 Nc4

[28...Bxa2 29.Rxb2 Bd5 30.Kf2±]

29.Rxb7 a5 30.Kf2 h6 -0.33/25

[⌓30...Ne5 -0.69/23 31.Ra7 Nxg4+ *(31...Bxa2? 32.Rxa5 Bf7 33.Kg3∓)* 32.Kg3 Ne5 33.Rxa5 d5]

31.h3∓ a4 32.Rb4 a3 33.Rb8+ Kg7 34.Ra8 h5 -0.11/23

[Black should play 34...Bd5!∓ -0.84/26 35.Ra4 h5]

35.Ra7= hxg4 36.hxg4 d5 37.Kf3 d4 Strongly threatening ...Ne5+. **38.Ke4 Nd6+ 39.Kd3 Kh6 40.Rxa3**

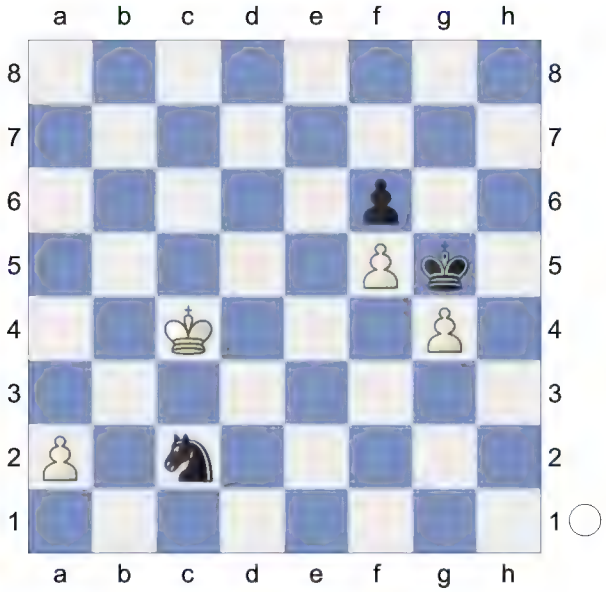
[Don't blunder 40.Rd7? Nc4 41.Rxd4 *(41.Kxd4? Ne5-+)* 41...Nb2+ 42.Kc3 Bxa2-+]

40...Bc4+ 41.Kxd4 Nb5+ 42.Kxc4 Nxa3+ Endgame KN-K3P **43.Kb4 Nc2+ 44.Kc4** And now a4 would win.

[44.Kc5!? Na3□ *(44...Kg5? 45.a4+-)* 45.Kb4 Nc2+ 46.Kb5=]

44...Kg5? 5.73/36

[44...Na3+= 0.00/38 and Black stays safe. 45.Kb4 Kg5]



45.a4!+- White is clearly winning.

45...Ne3+

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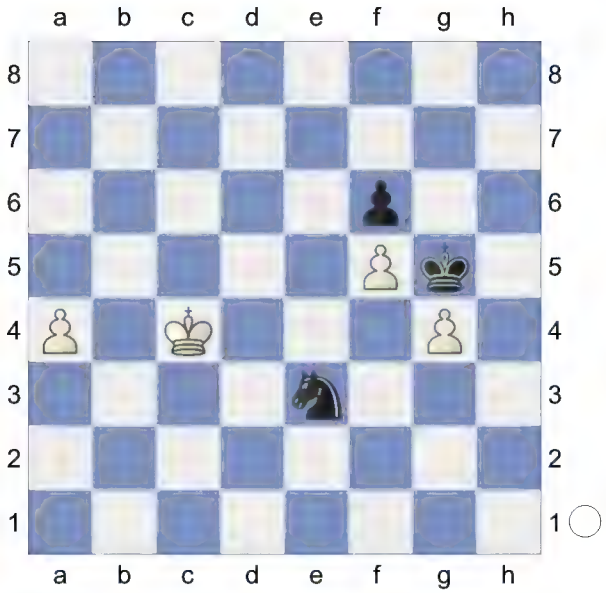

46.Kc5! Nxg4 47.a5 Ne5 48.a6 Nd7+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.31
49.Kb5 [Event "CiF-7er/0118"]
1-0

22 **C50**
□ **Jarecki,Marian** **2414**
■ **Dammer,Axel** **2385**
corr RSRANDOM-225 18.08.2016
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.d4
[6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 (23) So,W-Delmonico, N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021]

(Diagram)

6...Bxd4N
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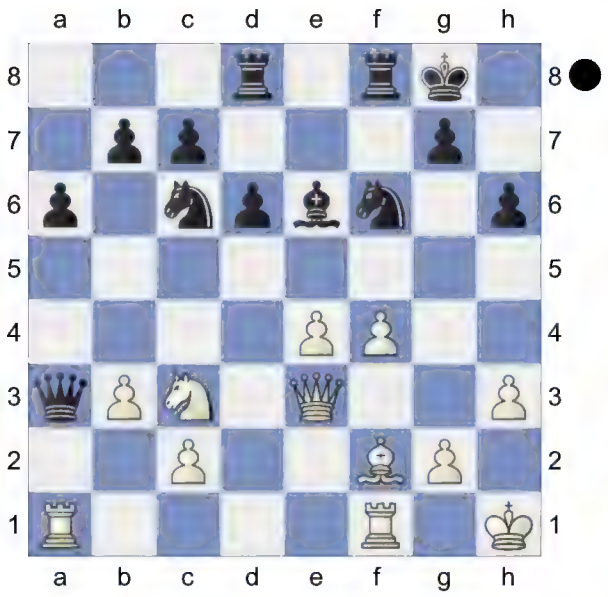

Qc5 26.Qxc5 dxc5 27.Bxc5 Rfe8 28.Kh2 Bc8 29.Rae1 b6 30.Bg1 Nb4 31.Re2 a5 32.Rff2 Kf7 33.e5 Nfd5 34.Ne4 Nc6 35.Rf3 Ndb4 36.c3 Ba6 37.Rb2 Nd3

[Not 37...Bd3 38.Nf2∓]

38.Rd2 Nc1 39.Rb2 Ne7 40.Ng3 Rd1 41.Rb1 Red8 42.Be3 -4.55/20

[42.Bd4 -3.16/19 was necessary.]

42...Ne2-+ Discovered Attack **43.Rxd1 Rxd1 44.Nxe2** Black is clearly winning. **44...Bxe2 45.Rf2 Bd3 46.g4 Ke6 47.Rb2 c5 48.c4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

48...Rb1 [Event "CiF-7er/0118"]

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23 **C50**

□ **Berner,Ralph** **2399**

■ **Wunder,Stefan** **2386**

corr RSRANDOM-225 18.08.2016

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.d4

[6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 (23) So,W-Delmonico, N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021]

6...Qh4N

[6...Bd6 7.dxe5 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.f4 g6 10.e6+ Kg7 11.f5 Nf6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Bxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Kxf6 18.Qd4+ Kxe6 19.Qxh8 Rb8 20.Rf1 Qe7 1-0 Pammer,A (1590)-A: 5 e4 Ng6 6 Nf3 (1759) IECG CP.1996.S. 00008 1997 (6)]

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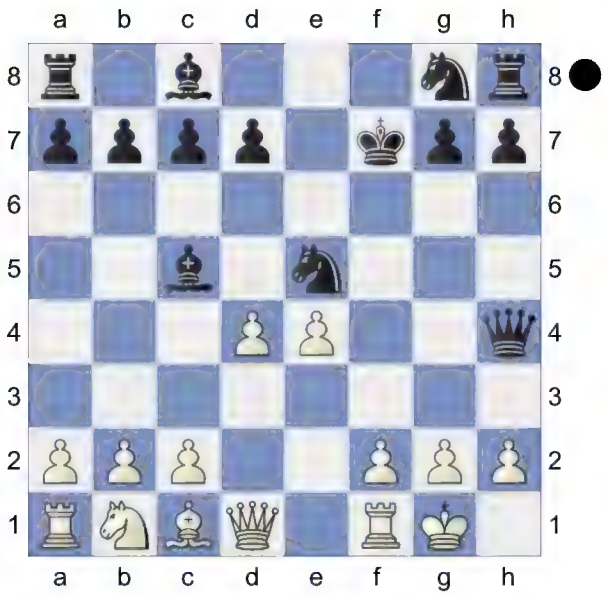


Qxe4! 8.dxc5 Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Nf6 9.Nc3 Qc6 10.Be3 Re8 11.Bd4 b6 12.cxb6 axb6 13.f3 Ba6 14.Re1 Qd6 15.Bf2 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 Re7 17.Bh4 Bb7 18.Kf2 Ra5 19.Rd4 d6 20.Bxf6 Kxf6 21.Rf4+ Ke6 22.a4 Rc5 23.Re2 Kd7 24.h3 Ba6 25.Re3 g5 26.Rd4 Bb7 27.Re2 Ng6 28.Red2 Nf4 29.Kg3 Rf5 30.Kh2 h5 31.Rf2 h4 32.Rd1 Bc6 33.Rdf1 Rc5 34.Kg1 Rc4 35.Rd2 Bxa4 36.Kf2 Re5 37.Rc1 Rec5 38.Rcd1 Rb4** Black is clearly winning. **39.Nxa4 Rxa4 40.g3 Nh5 41.gxh4 Rxh4 42.Rh1 Nf4 43.Kg3 b5 44.Rhh2 b4 45.Kf2 b3 46.cxb3 Rb5 47.Rh1 Rxb3 48.Kg3 Ke6 49.Rc2 c5 50.Rd2 d5 51.Rf2 c4 52.Rc2 d4 53.Rf2 Rb5 54.Rc2 d3 55.Rd2 Re5** Strongly threatening ...Re2. **56.Rhh2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)

56...Re2 [Event "CiF-7er/0118"]

0-1

24 **C50**

□ **Dammer,Axel** **2389**

■ **Mantau,Jan** **1991**

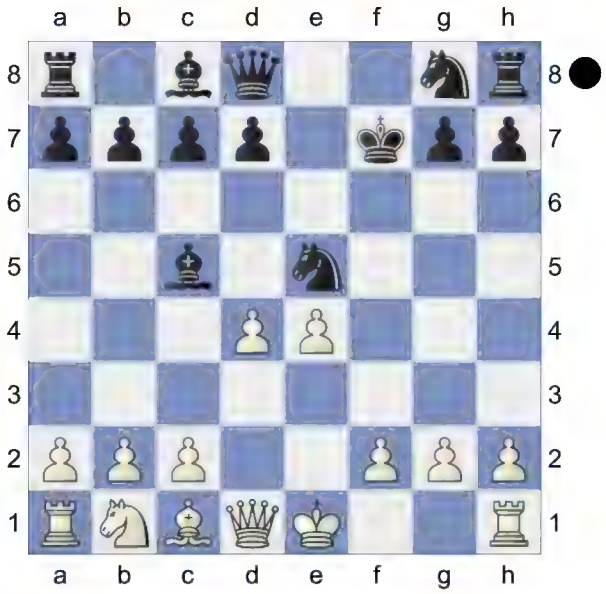
corr RSRANDOM-225 18.08.2016

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.d4

[6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 (23) So,W-Delmonico, N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021]

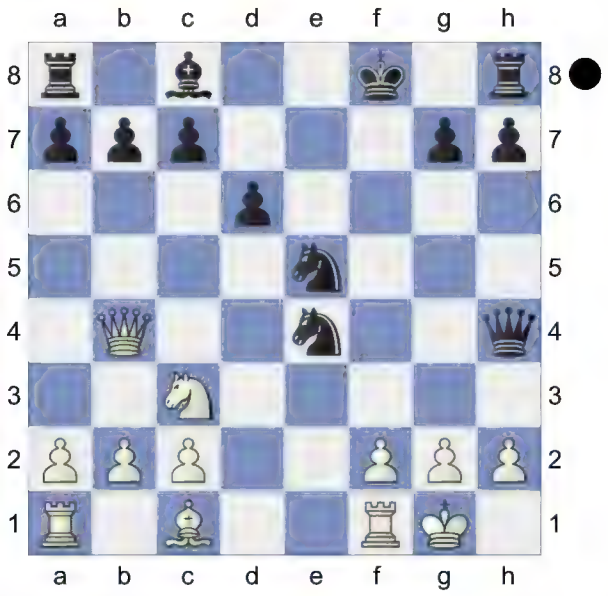


6...Bxd4N

[6...Bd6 7.dxe5 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.f4 g6 10.e6+ Kg7 11.f5 Nf6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Bxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Kxf6 18.Qd4+ Kxe6 19.Qxh8 Rb8 20.Rf1 Qe7 1-0 Pammer,A (1590)-A: 5 e4 Ng6 6 Nf3 (1759) IECG CP.1996.S. 00008 1997 (6)]

7.Qxd4 d6 8.Qd5+ Black has a

decisive advantage. **8...Kf8 9.Qb3 Qh4 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.0-0 Nxe4 12.Qb4**

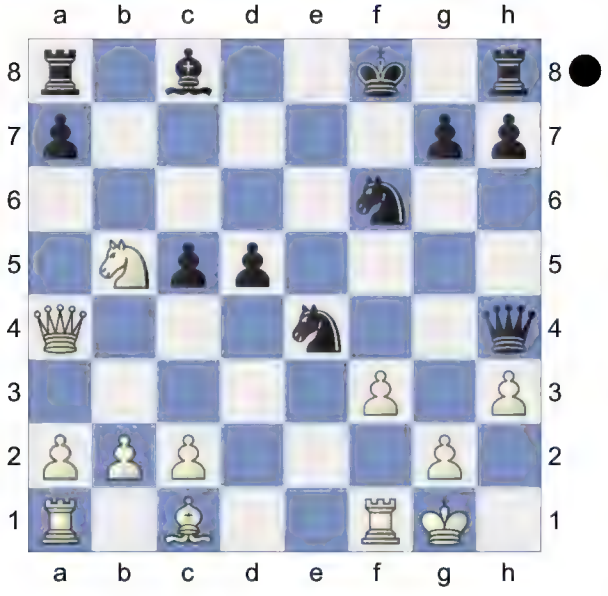


Ng4? -0.22/22 **13.h3= Ngf6** White must now prevent ...c5.

[13...Nexf2? 14.hxg4 Qxg4 15.Rxf2+ Kg8 16.Rf4+- *(16.Qxg4 Bxg4 17.Bd2 Re8+-)*]

[13...Nxc3!? 14.bxc3 Qh5 15.hxg4 Qxg4=]

14.f3 c5 15.Qc4 Pin **15...b5! 16.Nxb5 d5 17.Qa4**

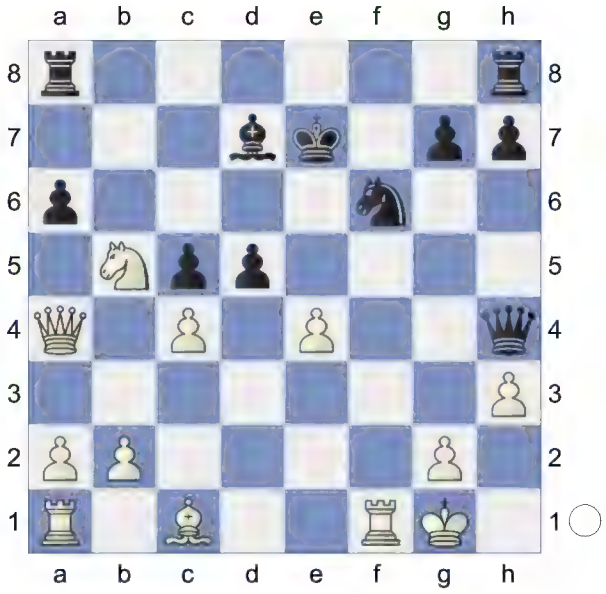


Pin **17...Bd7?** 1.19/19 **18.fxe4± a6 19.c4** 0.82/21

[White should play 19.Qb3! 1.56/22 Bxb5 *(19...axb5? 20.Qxd5 Re8 21.Qxd7+-)* 20.Qxd5 Bxf1 *(20...Re8? 21.c4+-)* 21.Qxa8+ Kf7 22.Qb7+ *(22.Qxh8 Qg3=)* 22...Kg6 23.Kxf1]

19...Ke7 1.72/18

[19...Bxh3± 0.82/21 20.Nc3 *(20.cxd5 Bd7∓* Pin*; 20.exd5 Bxg2* Decoy *21.Kxg2 Qg4+ 22.Kf2 Re8=)* 20...Bxg2 Decoy 21.Kxg2 Qg4+ 22.Kf2 d4]



20.Qa3!+- axb5 21.Qxc5+ Ke8

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22.Bd2! Some like it hot **22...Rc8** 1.97/19

[22...Qxe4? 23.Rae1+- *(23.cxb5 Rc8=)*]

[22...dxc4 23.Bb4 Kd8 *(23...Qxe4? 24.Rae1+-)* 24.e5]

[22...Nxe4? 23.Qxd5 Nxd2 24.Qxa8+ Ke7 25.Rae1+ *(25.Qxh8 Qd4+ 26.Rf2 Bf5+-)* 25...Kd6 26.Qd5+ *(26.Qxh8 Kc7+-)* 26...Kc7 27.Qxd2+-]

[22...bxc4 23.Bb4 Kd8 *(23...Qxe4? 24.Rae1+-* Pin *)* 24.e5 Bxh3 *(24...Ne4 25.Qxd5 Kc7 26.Qxc4+ Kb8 27.Bd6+ Ka7 28.Rf3+-)* 25.Qb6+ *(25.exf6 Bxg2 26.Qe7+ Kc8+-)* 25...Ke8 26.exf6 gxf6 27.Rxf6+- *(27.gxh3? Rg8+ 28.Kh2 Qg3+* Deflection *29.Kh1 Qxh3#)*]

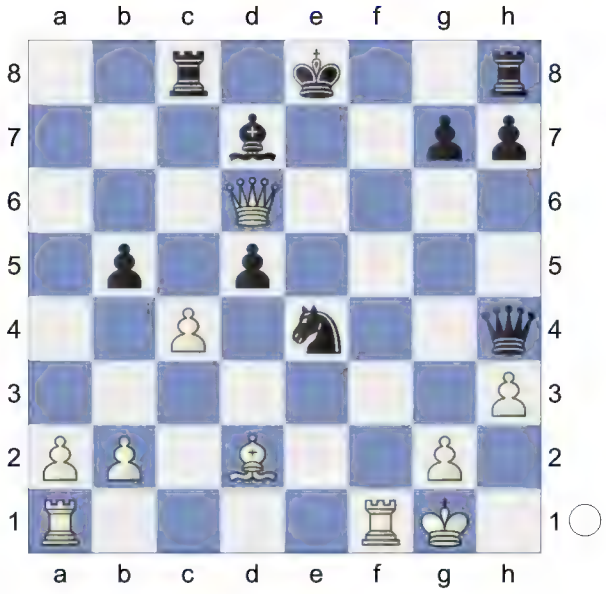
[22...dxe4 23.Qe5+ *(23.cxb5 Qh5±)* 23...Kf7 24.Rf4 *(24.cxb5 Rhe8∓; 24.Bg5 Qh5+-)*]

[22...Bxh3± 1.47/18 23.Qc6+ Kf7 24.Qc7+ Kg8 25.gxh3 dxe4 *(25...Qxh3 26.Rf2±)*]

23.Qd6 Nxe4 3.41/21

[23...Qxe4 24.Rae1 Rxc4 25.Rxe4+ dxe4 26.Qe5+ Kf7 27.Bh6+-]

[⌓23...Bxh3 2.26/18 24.gxh3 Qxh3]



24.Rae1! Rxc4

[24...dxc4? 25.Bb4+- *(25.Qe5+ Qe7+-)*]

[24...bxc4? 25.Qxd5 Rc6 26.Rxe4++-]

25.Qxd5 Rf8 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Qxd7 Qf2+ 28.Kh2 Strongly threatening Bc3.

28...h6

[28...Qxd2? 29.Rf1++- *(29.Qxb5? Qb4-+)*]

29.Bc3

[29.Qxb5 Qg3+ 30.Kg1 *(30.Kh1 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Nxh3+ 32.Kh1 Nf2+ 33.Kg1 Nh3+ 34.Kh1 Nf2+ 35.Kg1 Nh3+=)* 30...Qf2+ 31.Kh1 Qxd2 32.Rf1+ Nf2+ 33.Rxf2+ Qxf2±]

29...Rxc3 30.Qd8+ White is clearly winning.

[30.Rxe4 Qg3+ *(30...Qxb2 31.Re8#)* 31.Kh1 Rc1+]

30...Kf7 31.Qd5+

[31.Rxe4 Qg3+ *(31...Qxb2 32.Qe8+ Kf6 33.Qe6+ Kg5 34.h4+ Kh5 35.Qg4#)* 32.Kh1 Rc1+]

31...Kf8 32.Qa8+

[Weaker is 32.Qxe4 Rc8 33.Qe7+

Kg8 34.Qe6+ Kh7 35.Qxc8 Qxe1 36.Qf5+ Kg8 37.Qxb5 Qe4 38.Qb8+ Kf7+-]

32...Kf7 (-> ...Rxh3+)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.64

33.Qxe4 [Event "RSRANDOM-225"]

[33.Rxe4? gets mated. Qg3+ *(33...Qxb2 34.Qe8+ Kf6 35.Re6+ Kg5 36.Qg6+ Kh4 37.Qg4#)* 34.Kh1 Rc1+]

1-0

25 **C50**

□ **Berner,Ralph** **2386**

■ **Jarecki,Marian** **2414**

corr RSRANDOM-225 18.08.2016

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.d4

[6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 (23) So,W-Delmonico, N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021]

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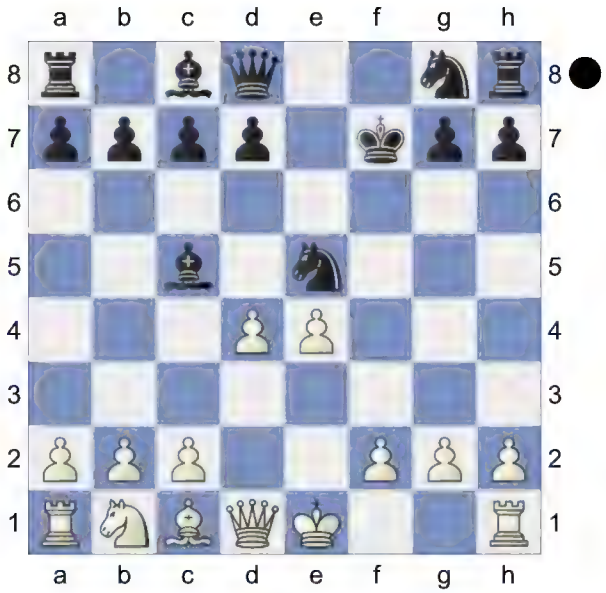

6...Qh4N

[6...Bd6 7.dxe5 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.f4 g6 10.e6+ Kg7 11.f5 Nf6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Bxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Kxf6 18.Qd4+ Kxe6 19.Qxh8 Rb8 20.Rf1 Qe7 1-0 Pammer,A (1590)-A: 5 e4 Ng6 6 Nf3 (1759) IECG CP.1996.S. 00008 1997 (6)]

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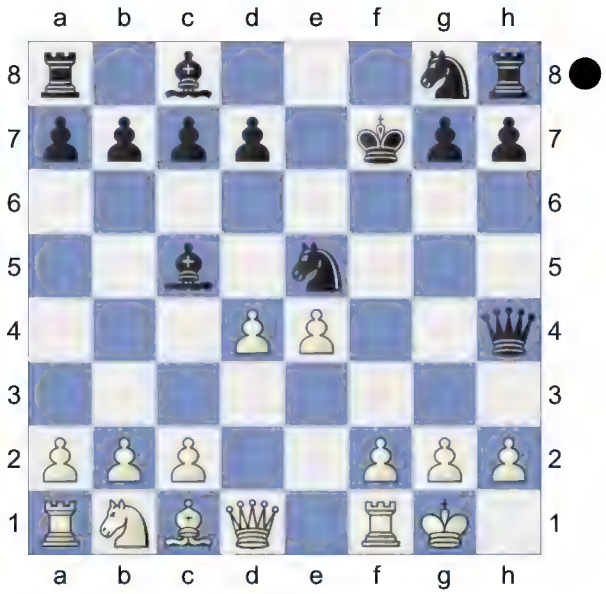

Qxe4! 8.dxc5 Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Nf6 9.Nc3 Qc6 10.Be3 b6 11.Bd4 Ng6 12.cxb6 axb6 13.f3**

Rf8 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.Kh1 Kg7 17.a4 Rfe8 18.b3 Re5 19.Nb5 Rg8 20.Rae1 Kh8 21.Rxe5 fxe5 Black is clearly winning.
[Less strong is 21...Nxe5 22.h3-+]
22.Qg5 Rf8
[And not 22...Qxc2 23.Qf6+ Rg7 24.Qd8+ Rg8 25.Qf6+ Rg7 26.Qd8+ Rg8 27.Qf6+=]
23.Qd2 e4 24.Kg1 Nf4 25.Qd4+ Kg8 26.Qc4+ Qxc4 27.bxc4 exf3 28.gxf3 Ne6 29.Rd1 Bc6 30.Nc3 Rxf3 31.Nd5 Bxa4 32.Rd2 Kg7 33.Kg2 Rf5 34.Kg1 h5 35.Rg2+ Kh6 36.Rd2 h4 37.c3 Ng5 and ...Nf3+ would now be decisive **38.Re2 Bc6 39.Re7 b5 40.h3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless) **40...Nxh3+** [Event "RSRANDOM-225"] **0-1**

26 **C50**
□ **Wunder,Stefan** **2306**
■ **Langschmidt,Dirk** **1956**
corr RSRANDOM-225 18.08.2016
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.d4
[6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 (23) So,W-Delmonico, N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021]

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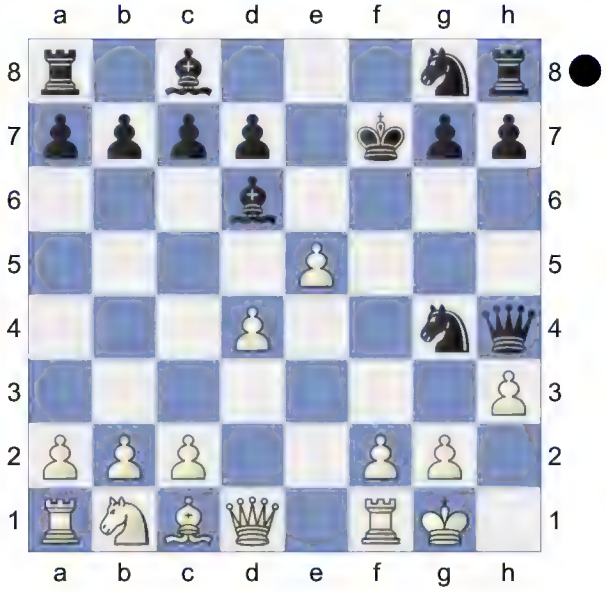
6...Qh4N
[6...Bd6 7.dxe5 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.f4 g6 10.e6+ Kg7 11.f5 Nf6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Bxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Kxf6 18.Qd4+ Kxe6 19.Qxh8 Rb8 20.Rf1 Qe7 1-0 Pammer,A (1590)-A: 5 e4 Ng6 6 Nf3 (1759) IECG CP.1996.S. 00008 1997 (6)]
7.0-0 Ng4 8.h3 Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Bd6 9.e5**



Nxe5 0.00/21 **10.dxe5= Bxe5 11.Qd5+ Kf6 12.Nd2** -0.55/21

[12.Re1= 0.00/21 d6 13.Re4 *(13.Rxe5 dxe5 14.Qd8+ Ne7∓)*]
Loses the game. **12...d6?** 3.43/18
[12...Qd4∓ -0.55/21 stays ahead. 13.Qf3+ Ke7]
13.f4!+- Ke7 4.99/22
[13...Bxf4? is the wrong capture. 14.Nf3 *(14.Ne4+ Kg6+-)* 14...Ne7 15.Qd4+ *(15.Nxh4 Nxd5 16.Bxf4 Nxf4±)* 15...Ke6 16.Nxh4+-]
[13...Bd4+ 3.43/20 might work better. 14.Qxd4+ Kf7]
14.fxe5 Be6 7.22/18
[⌓14...Nf6 4.89/16 15.exf6+ gxf6]
15.exd6+ Kd7 16.Qb5+ Kxd6 17.Nf3 Repels Qd4+ **17...Bd5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=1.60
18.Nxh4 [Event "RSRANDOM-225"]
1-0

27 **C50**
□ **T,Sven** **2292**
■ **Guichard,Pauline** **2430**
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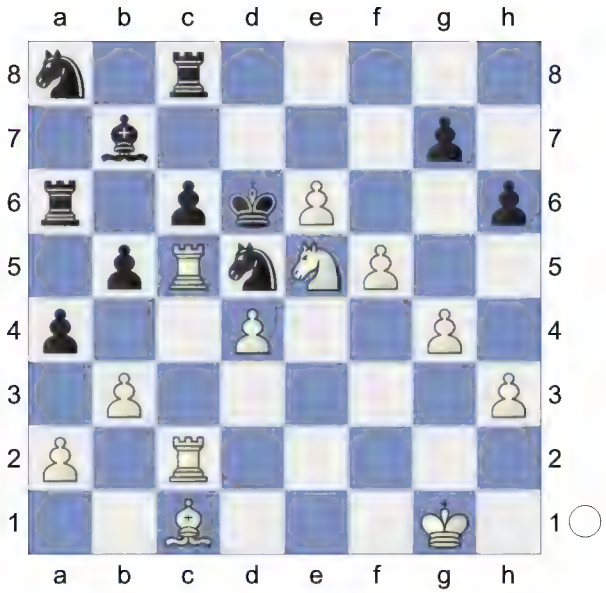
[TA]

(90min+30sec)/40+(30min+30sec)
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
Blackburne, J. H.: '["Jerome Gambit". Played at Simpson's Divan about 1880.]'
1.e4 0 **e5** 0 **2.Nf3** 0 **Nc6** 0 **3.Bc4** 0.3 **Bc5** 0 **4.Bxf7+** 5 **Kxf7** 0 **5.Nxe5+** 41 **Nxe5** 3
[5...Kf8]
6.Qh5+ 14 **Ng6N** 22
[6...Ke6 7.f4 *(7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Ke7 12.Nc3 g5 13.Rf1 c6 14.g3 d5 15.Bd2 Bg4 16.Qg2 Rhf8 17.h3 Nxe4 18.Bf4 gxf4 19.gxf4 Rxf4 20.Nxe4 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Rf8+* Goncar,P-C2 Cxd4 109/265 Dortmund 2010 (4)*)* 7...d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Qh4 Rf8 11.d3 Kf7 12.Bg5 Kg8]
[6...Kf8 7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qg3 Nf6]
[6...g6 7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qxh8 Qh4 9.0-0 Nf6 10.c3 Ng4 11.h3 Bxf2+ 12.Kh1 Bf5 13.Qxa8 Qxh3+ 14.gxh3 Bxe4# 0-1 N,N-Blackburne,J off-hand London 1880]
7.Qd5+ 41 **Ke8** 9 **8.Qxc5** 21
Black is clearly better. **8...d6** 10 **9.Qe3** 55 **Nf6** 11:13 **10.d4** -2.27/19 3:36
[10.d3∓ -1.48/19]
10...Qe7 9:09
[10...Kf7]
11.0-0N -2.22/21 10:05
[11.Nc3∓ -1.50/17]
11...Ng4? -0.48/21 2:19
[11...b6 -1.14/16 11...Nxe4 -2.22]
[11...Qxe4 12.Qxe4+ Nxe4 13.Re1±]
[11...Nxe4-+ -2.22/21 Strongly threatening ...Nf6. 12.Re1 Nf6]
12.Qe2 -0.97/19 29
[12.Qd3∓ -0.48/21 was preferable.]
12...Qh4∓ 9:20 **13.h3** 1:33 **Nf6** 2:06
[13...h5? 1.02/17 13...Nf6 -1.51]
14.f4 2:37
[14.Nc3]
14...Nh5 8 **15.Qf2** 16 **Qxf2+** 9 **16.Rxf2** 27 **Rf8** -0.43/18 1:21
[16...d5!∓ -1.15/19 17.f5 Ne7 18.exd5 Nf6 *(18...Bxf5 19.g4±; 18...Nxd5 19.g4∓; 18...Nxf5 19.g4=)*]
17.f5∓ 22 **Ne7** 4:52 **18.c4** -1.05/21 49
[18.g4∓ -0.33/21]
18...c6 0.38/24 12:49
[18...Nc6!∓ -1.05/21 19.d5 Ne5]
19.g4± 6:09 **Nf6** 6:20 **20.Nc3** 7:10 **d5!** 6:14 **21.e5** 49 **Nd7** 1.47/18 15:35
[21...Ne4!= 0.22/19 22.Nxe4 dxe4]

22.cxd5± 11:10 **Nxd5** 13 **23.Ne4** 1:30 **N7b6** 1:43 **24.b3** 16 White has strong compensation. **24...a5** 7:44 **25.e6** 0.31/18 34
[25.Bg5± 1.11/16]
25...h6 1.28/18 19
[25...Bxe6!± 0.31/18 26.fxe6 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 Nc7]
26.Bb2 0.40/18 2
[26.Ba3?! Nb4±]
[26.Re2± 1.28/18]
26...Ke7 1.03/17 5
[26...Bxe6!± 0.40/18 27.fxe6 Rxf2 28.Kxf2 a4]
27.Re1 27 **Ra7** 2.15/17 13
[27...Rg8± 0.79/20]
28.Nc5 0.94/20 3:22
[28.Ba3+ Nb4∓]
[28.Bc1+- 2.15/17]
28...Na8 6:28 **29.Nd3** 29 **b5** 5 **30.Ne5** 18 **Kd6** 16 **31.Rc1** 2:35 **Ra6** 1:10 **32.Rc5** 1:07 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
32...Bb7 1:33 **33.Rfc2** 56 **Rc8** 38 **34.Bc1** 0.81/20 1:07
[34.h4 1.19/17]
34...a4 1.17/21 2:56
[34...Nac7 0.81/20]

(Diagram)



35.b4→ 0.78/19 20 White goes for the king. The board is on fire. **35...a3** 1.79/20 39
[35...Nxb4 1.69/19 35...Nab6 0.78 36.Bf4 Nd5 2.34/20 *(⌓36...Ke7* 1.86/19 *)* 37.Bg3 1.39/18 *(37.Nf7++-* 2.34/20 *Ke7 38.Bd6+ Kf6 39.Be5+ Ke7 40.Bxg7)* 37...Ke7± 38.Ng6+ Ke8 39.Be5 0.73/20 *(39.g5!+-* 1.69/21 and f6! should not be overlooked *hxg5 40.h4)* 39...Nf6? 4.03/20 *(39...b4±* 0.73/20 *)* 40.d5 2.04/16 *(⌓40.Bxf6* 4.03/20 *gxf6 41.h4)* 40...Nxd5 41.Bxg7 Nac7 42.Bxh6 0.92/15 *(42.h4!+-* 1.62/17 *)*]
[35...Nac7± 0.78/19]
36.Bd2 0.72/19 1:29
[36.Nf7++- 1.79/20 and White stays clearly on top. Ke7 37.g5]
36...Nab6 35 **37.Be1** 26 **Na4?** 4.75/21 1:01
[37...Ke7± 0.78/19 is tougher.]

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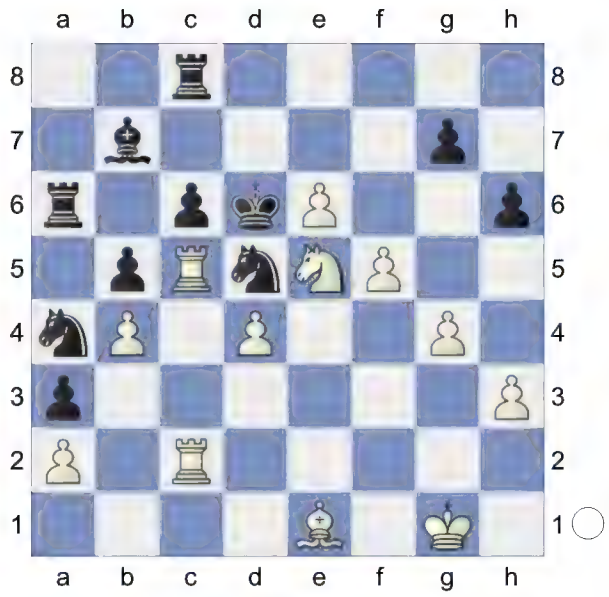
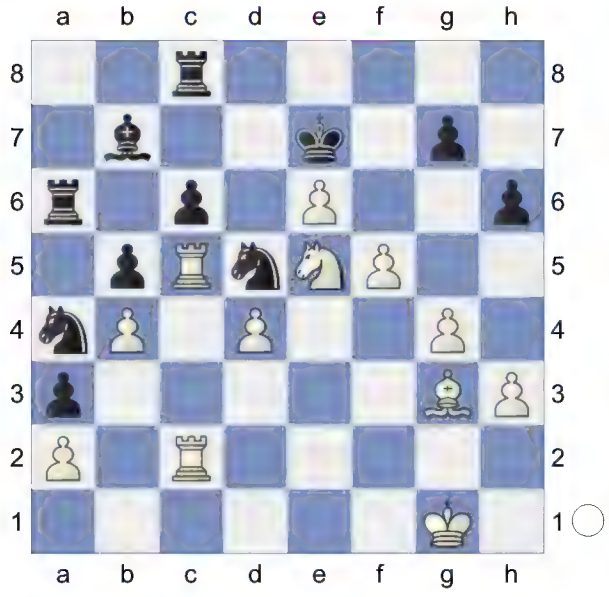


38.Bg3? 0.16/16 2:00 **Ke7!=**



Les Noirs ont dépensé moins de 2 minutes pour jouer ♘f6 sans envisager probablement l'alternative du sacrifice de qualité **39.Nd7** -0.52/19 **Nxc5∓**

[39...Nxb4 40.Bh4+ Kd6 *(40...Ke8 41.f6+-)* 41.Bg3+ Ke7 42.Bh4+ Kd6 43.Bg3+ Ke7=]

40.dxc5 Rg8

[40...Nxb4? #8/17 40...Rg8 -0.57 41.Bd6+ Ke8 42.Rf2 Nd5 43.f6 gxf6 44.Nxf6+ Nxf6 45.Rxf6]

41.Bd6+ -1.15/21

[41.Bh4+∓ -0.67/19 Ke8 *(41...g5 42.Bg3∓)* 42.Rd2]

41...Ke8 -0.34/21

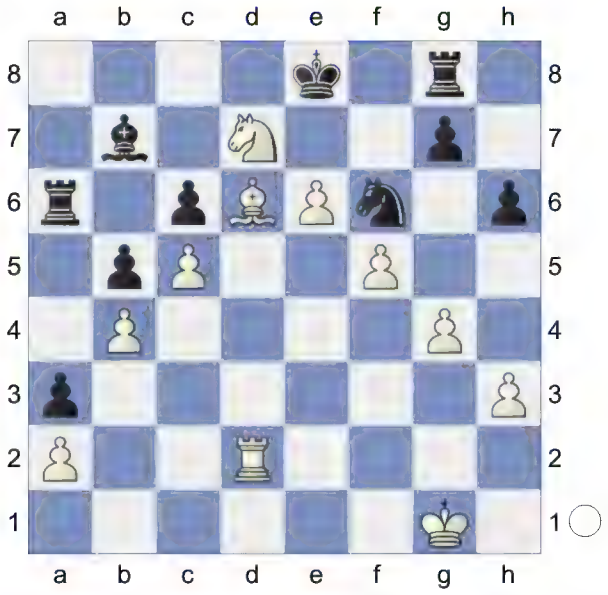
[41...Kd8∓ -1.15/21 42.Kf2 Nxb4]

42.Rd2 -0.97/23

[42.Kh2!∓ -0.34/21]

42...Ra4∞ 2.58/20

[42...Nf6? 2.33/20 42...Kd8 -0.29



43.Be5? 0.00/18 *(43.Nxf6+!+- 2.33/20 gxf6 44.Bc7)*]

[42...Nxb4 43.f6]

[42...Nxb4 43.f6 Kd8 44.f7 Rh8 45.Rf2 *(45.f8B Nd5±; 45.f8Q+ Rxf8 46.e7+ Kxd7 47.exf8Q Nd5 48.Rxd5* Back Rank *cxd5 49.Qe7+ Kc8 50.Qe8#)*]

[42...Kd8!∓ -0.97/23 keeps the pressure on. 43.Kf2 Nxb4]

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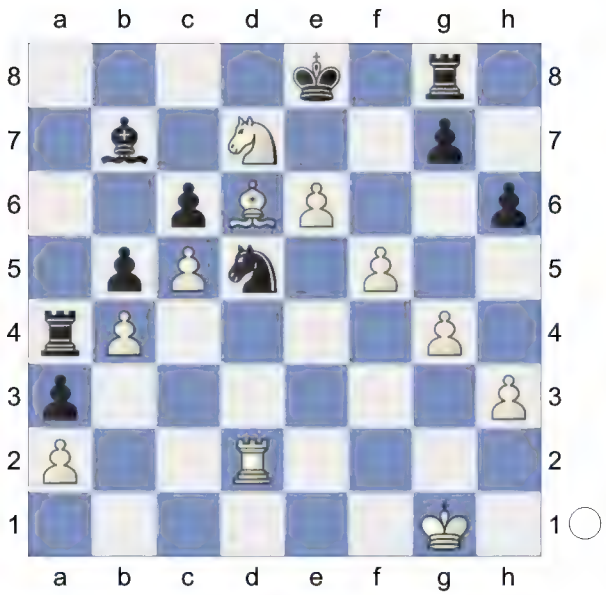

43.Rxd5!+- cxd5 44.f6 gxf6 45.Nxf6+ Kd8 46.e7+? -0.95/5
[46.Nxg8]
[46.Nxg8± 1.07/22 White threatens e7+ and mate. Bc6 47.Ne7 *(47.Nxh6 d4±)*]
46...Kc8∓ 47.Nxg8 Endgame KRB-KBN **47...Bc6 48.Nf6** -1.17/21
[48.Nxh6∓ -0.58/18 Rxb4 49.g5 Rb1+ 50.Kf2 Rb2+ 51.Kg3]
48...Rxb4 49.e8Q+? -4.98/19
[49.h4 -1.62/17 was the crucial defense.]
49...Bxe8-+ 50.Nxe8 Rb1+ 51.Kf2 -4.66/21
[⌓51.Kg2 -3.10/18 b4 52.Be5]
51...Rb2+ 52.Kf3 Rxa2 53.Nc7 b4 -0.43/22
[53...Rd2-+ -4.77/21 54.c6 a2]
54.Nxd5∓ b3 0.03/14
[54...Rd2 0.00/24 54...Kd7 -0.47 Taylor,T (2279)-Peters,J (2377) Beverly Hills 2011 1-0 55.Nxb4 Rb2]
[Better is 54...Kd7!∓ -0.51/25 55.g5 *(55.Nxb4? Rb2-+)* 55...hxg5]
55.c6= Rc2!
[55...Kd8? 56.c7+ Kd7 57.Nb6+ Kxd6 58.c8Q+- *(58.c8R? Rc2-+)*]
56.Bxa3 White now steadily converts the win. **56...Ra2?** 4.80/27
[56...Kd8= 0.03/26 and Black stays safe.]
57.Bd6+- Rc2 58.Be5 b2 59.Nb6+ Kd8 60.c7+ Rxc7 61.Bxb2
[61.Bxc7+? Ke8 62.Bg3 b1Q-+ *(62...b1B? perishes. 63.Nd5+-)*]
61...Rc5 6.06/23 Prevents Nd5.
[⌓61...Rf7+ 4.06/16 62.Kg3 Ke8]
62.Bd4 Rb5 63.Nc4 Ke7? 7.17/22
[63...Rb4 3.48/18 64.Ne5 Rb3+ 65.Be3 Ke7 66.Nc6+ Kf6]
64.h4 Ke6 65.Ke4 Rb1 66.Ne3 Kf7 67.h5 Kg8 68.Nf5 Kh7 69.Be3 Re1 70.Nxh6 Rxe3+ 71.Kxe3 Kxh6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.62
72.Kf4
1-0

28 **C50**
□ **Bestard Borras,Miguel** **2113**
■ **Mestnikov,Aisen** **2077**
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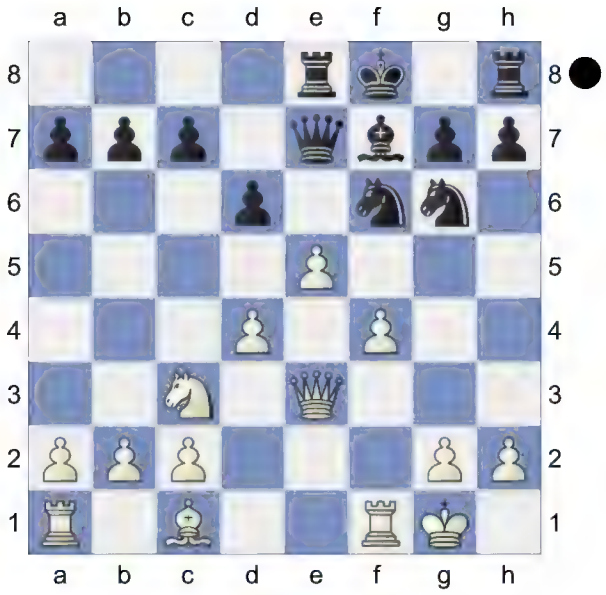
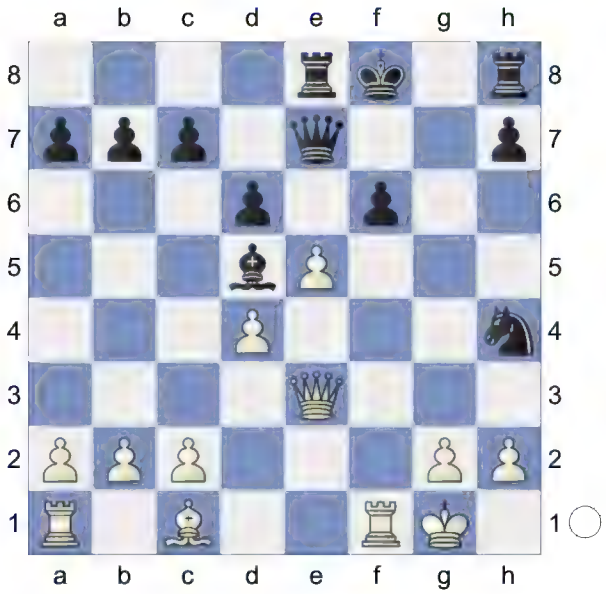
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ng6 7.Qd5+ Kf8N
[7...Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 Nd7 22.cxd5 1-0 (72) Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6) Nxd5 23.Ne4 N7b6 24.b3 a5 25.e6 h6 26.Bb2 Ke7 27.Re1 Ra7 28.Nc5 Na8 29.Nd3 b5 30.Ne5 Kd6 31.Rc1 Ra6 32.Rc5 Bb7 33.Rfc2 Rc8 34.Bc1 a4 35.b4 a3 36.Bd2 Nab6 37.Be1 1-0 (72) Deloras,B-Walker,M EST-ch Tallinn 1943 Na4 38.Bg3 Ke7 39.Nd7 Nxc5 40.dxc5 Rg8 41.Bd6+ Ke8 42.Rd2 Ra4 43.Rxd5 cxd5 44.f6 gxf6 45.Nxf6+ Kd8 46.e7+ Kc8 47.Nxg8 Bc6 48.Nf6 Rxb4 49.e8Q+ Bxe8 50.Nxe8 Rb1+ 51.Kf2 Rb2+ 52.Kf3 1-0 (72) Charlick,H-Mann,J corr 1881]
8.Qxc5+ Black is clearly better. **8...d6**
9.Qe3 Nf6 10.0-0 Be6 -0.66/19
[10...d5-+ -1.81/19 11.e5 Ng4 12.Qf3+ Ke8]
11.f4∓ Bf7 12.d4 Qe7 0.06/21
[12...Ne7∓ -0.82/18]
13.Nc3= Strongly threatening f5.
13...Re8 0.27/19
[⌓13...Bc4 -0.19/19 14.Re1 Qd7]
14.e5 -0.90/19
[14.f5= 0.27/19]

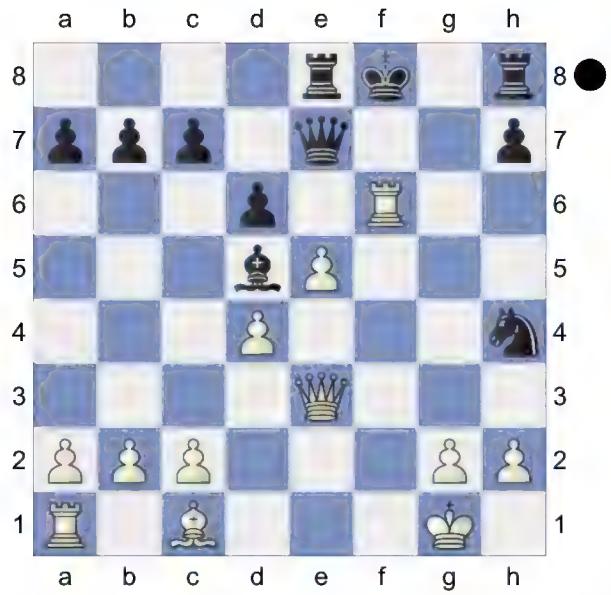
(Diagram)



14...Nd5 -0.11/18
[14...Bc4!∓ -0.90/19 15.Rd1 Kg8]
15.Nxd5! Bxd5 16.f5 Nh4 3.12/21
[16...Nxe5!= -0.29/18 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Qxe5 *(18.Qxa7 Kf7∓)* 18...Rxe5]
17.f6+- gxf6 2.82/20
[17...Qe6 1.65/18 was necessary.]



18.Rxf6+?? -4.14/19
[18.Qh6+!+- 2.82/20 is the narrow road to win. Qg7 19.Rxf6+ Kg8 20.Qxg7+ Kxg7 21.Bh6+ Kg8 22.Raf1]



Black continues to play with concentration. **18...Qxf6!!-+ 19.exf6 Rxe3 20.Bxe3 Nxg2 21.Bh6+ Kf7 22.Bg7 Re8 23.c4 Be4**
[23...Bxc4 24.Kxg2 Re2+ 25.Kg3∓]
24.Rc1 c6 25.Rc3 Nf4 26.Ra3 a6 27.Rb3 b5 28.cxb5 cxb5 29.Ra3 Bb7 30.Kf2 Nh5 31.Rh3 Nxg7
[Not 31...Nxf6 32.Bxf6 Kxf6 33.Rxh7-+]
32.fxg7 Kxg7 Endgame KRB-KR **33.Rg3+ Kf6 34.Rh3 Be4 35.Rh6+ Bg6 36.Rh3 Re4 37.Rf3+ Ke6 38.Ra3 Rxd4 39.Rxa6 Rd2+ 40.Kg3 Rxb2 41.a4 bxa4 42.Rxa4 d5 43.Kf4 Rxh2 44.Ra6+ Ke7 45.Ke5 Rh5+ 46.Kd4 Rf5 47.Ra7+ Kf6 48.Ra6+ Kg5 49.Ra1 h5 50.Rg1+ Kf6 51.Rh1 Rg5 52.Rf1+ Kg7 53.Re1 Be4 54.Kc5 h4** Strongly threatening ...h3. **55.Kd6 h3 56.Ke6 h2** Black mates. **57.Rf1 h1Q 58.Rf7+ Kg6 59.Rf6+ Kh5 60.Kf7 Rf5 61.Kg8 Rxf6 62.Kh8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.50
62...Qf3
0-1

29 **C50**
□ **Mantau,Jan** **1999**
■ **Witt,Monika** **1509**
corr RSRANDOM-225 18.08.2016
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[6...Ke6 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Qh3+ Kf7 10.Qh5+ Ke6 11.Qh3+ Ke7 12.Qg3-+]
7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5 Black is clearly better. **8...d6 9.Qc4N** -2.29/17
[⌓9.Qe3 -1.81/18 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 Nd7 22.cxd5 Nxd5 23.Ne4 N7b6 24.b3 1-0 (72) Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6) a5 25.e6 h6 26.Bb2 Ke7 27.Re1 Ra7 28.Nc5 Na8 29.Nd3 b5 30.Ne5 Kd6 31.Rc1 Ra6 32.Rc5 Bb7 33.Rfc2 Rc8 34.Bc1 a4 35.b4 a3 36.Bd2 Nab6 37.Be1 Na4 38.Bg3 Ke7 39.Nd7 1-0 (72) Deloras,B-Walker,M

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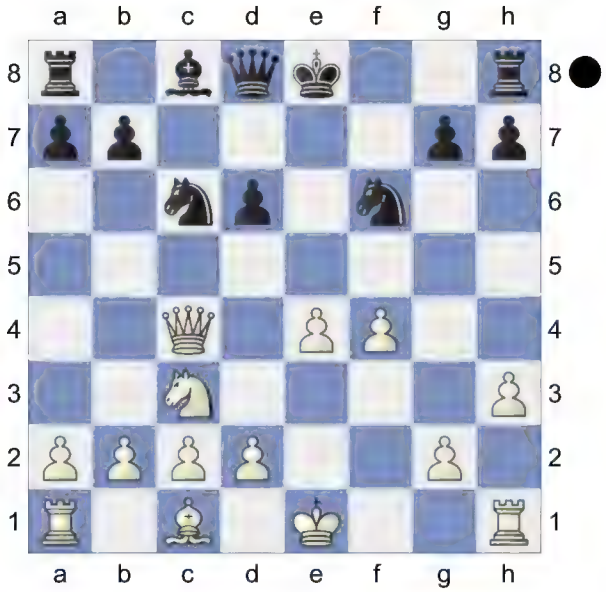
9...c5 -1.35/19

[9...Qg5-+ -2.29/17 10.Rg1 Nh4]

10.Nc3∓ Ne5 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.h3 c4 -0.34/20

[12...Nc6∓ -1.45/19 ...Nd4 is the strong threat. 13.0-0 Nd4]

13.f4 Nc6 14.Qxc4



d5! 15.exd5 Qe7+? 1.74/20

[15...Ne7∓ -0.59/19 stays ahead.]

16.Kd1+- Qb4 2.25/21

[16...Na5 1.62/20 keeps fighting. 17.Qb5+ Kf7]

17.Qe2+? 0.54/20

[17.b3+- 2.25/21]

17...Ne7±

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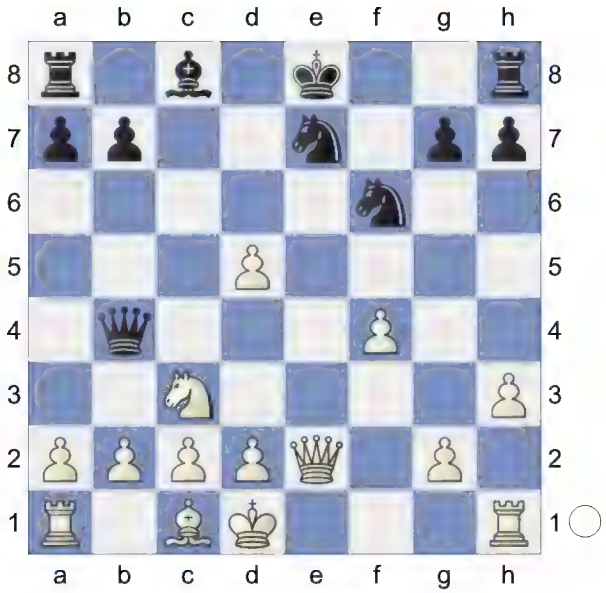


18.a3!↑ White has some pressure.

18...Qxf4 3.59/20

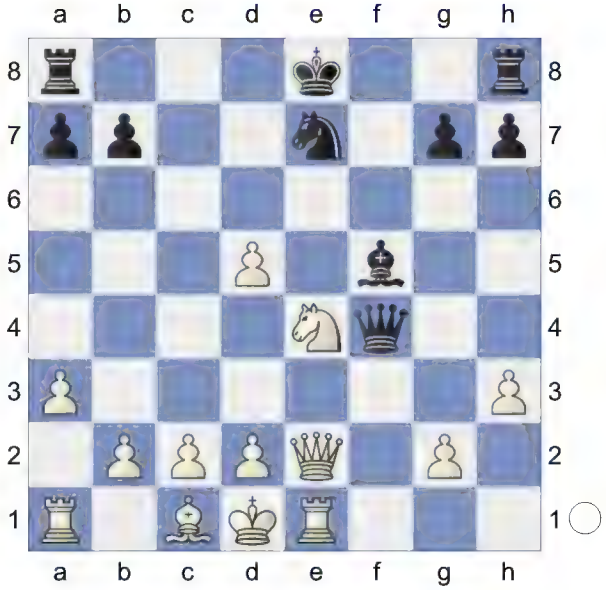
[Black should try 18...Qb6!± 0.56/21]

19.Re1+- Ne4 5.05/19

[⌓19...Nfg8 3.19/18 20.b3 Bd7]

20.Nxe4 and d4 would now be decisive

20...Bf5



21.Nf6+! Kd8

[21...Kf7 22.Qxe7+]

22.Qxe7+ Kc8 23.d3 Qc7 24.Qxc7+ Kxc7 25.Re7+ Kd6 26.Rxg7 White wants to mate with d4!. **26...Raf8 27.Bf4+ Kc5 28.Be5 h6 29.Rxb7 Rd8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=1.29
30.b4# [Event "RSRANDOM-225"]
1-0

30 **C50**
□ **Wessel,Rudolf** **1920**
■ **Huber,Karl** **1991**
corr freechess.de 16.08.2020
[Kitty Kat]

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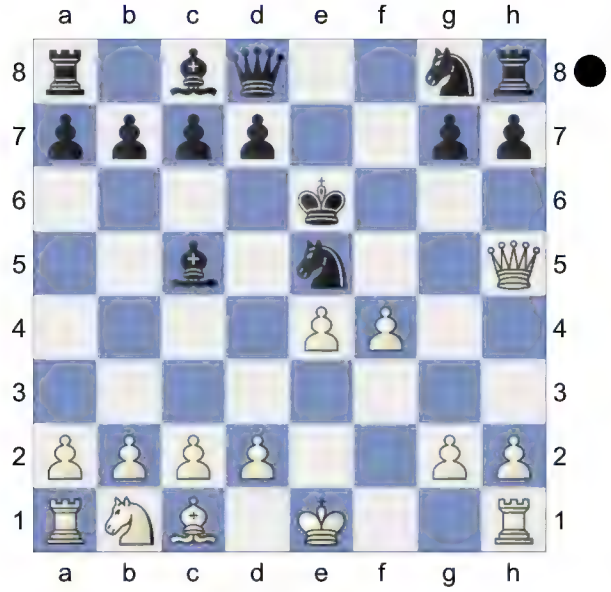
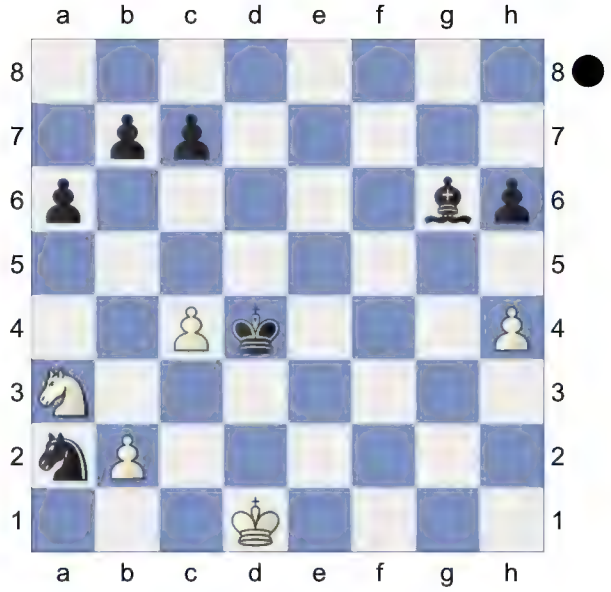
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ke6 aiming for ...Nf6. **7.f4**



d6 8.fxe5 Black has a decisive advantage. **8...dxe5 9.Qh3+ Ke7 10.Qg3 Kf8N**
[10...Kf7 11.Qxe5 Bd4 12.Rf1+ Nf6 13.Qh5+ Kg8 22. Halloween,G-Jerome Gambit]
11.Qxe5 Qh4+ 12.g3 Qe7 13.Rf1+ Ke8 14.Qxe7+ Nxe7 15.Nc3 Bh3 16.Rf3 Bg2 17.Rf4 g5 18.Rf6 h6 19.Nb5 Kd7
[Less strong is 19...Bxe4 20.b4∓]
20.e5 a6 21.d4 Bb6 22.Rf2 Bd5 23.Na3 Bxd4 24.Rd2 Be3
[24...Bxe5 25.c4-+]
25.Rd3 Bxc1 26.Rxc1 Ke6 27.Rcd1 Raf8
[27...Bxa2 28.b3-+]
28.c4 Bg2 29.Kd2 Rf2+
[Don't take 29...Kxe5 30.Re1+ Kf6 *(30...Be4? 31.Rde3-+)* 31.Rd7-+]
30.Kc3 Be4 Discovered Attack **31.Re3 Bg6**
[31...Kxe5 32.Rd4 Kf6 33.Rdxe4±]
32.Rd2 Rhf8 33.Rde2 Rxe2 34.Rxe2 Rf3+ 35.Kd2 Nc6 36.Re3 Rf2+ 37.Re2 Rxe2+ 38.Kxe2 Kxe5 39.h4 gxh4 40.gxh4 Nb4 41.Kf3 Kd4 42.Ke2 Nxa2 43.Kd1



Nc3+! 44.bxc3+
[44.Kc1 Ne2+]
44...Kxc3 45.Nb5+ axb5 46.cxb5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
46...Bh5+
0-1

31 **C50**
□ **Charlick,Henry**
■ **Mann,John**
corr 1881
[Melbourne Leader,1881; GA MacDonnel..

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GAM: An ingenious but weak invention by "Legion", godfathered by Jerome.
4...Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5
[5...Kf8 is, we think, better.]
6.Qh5+ Ng6N GAM says 'More comfortable for the K than K to K3' but Melbourne paper said
[6...Ke6 is preferable. RR7.f4 *(7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Ke7 12.Nc3 g5 13.Rf1 c6 14.g3 d5 15.Bd2 Bg4 16.Qg2 Rhf8 17.h3 Nxe4 18.Bf4 gxf4 19.gxf4 Rxf4 20.Nxe4 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Rf8+* Goncar,P-C2 Cxd4 109/265 Dortmund 2010 (4)*)* 7...d6! 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Nc3 Nf6 Prevents Qg4+ 10.Qh4 Rf8 11.d3 Kf7 12.Bg5 Kg8-+ Lane]
[RR6...Kf8 also playable said Lane: 7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qg3 Nf6 'when White has very little for the piece']
[6...g6 7.Qxe5 d6 8.Qxh8 Qh4 9.0-0 Nf6 10.c3 Ng4 11.h3 Bxf2+ 12.Kh1 Bf5 13.Qxa8 Qxh3+ 14.gxh3 Bxe4# 0-1 N,N-Blackburne,J off-hand London 1880]
7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5 Black is clearly better. **8...d6 9.Qe3** The authorities give 9. Qc3 but White prefers the text move. **9...Nf6 10.d4** -2.23/20
[10.d3∓ -1.50/20]
10...Qe7
[10...Kf7 is surely stronger, bringing his R in to immediate action, and threatening to take KP with Kt.]
11.0-0 -2.27/22
[11.f3∓ -1.42/21]
11...Ng4? -0.48/23 This only assists White in developing his game by driving back the Kt presently.
[11...b6 seems the best method of getting his forces into action.]
[11...Qxe4 12.Qxe4+ Nxe4 13.Re1±]
[11...Nxe4-+ -2.27/22 12.Re1 d5]
12.Qe2 -0.85/22
[12.Qd3!∓ -0.48/23]
12...Qh4∓ 13.h3 Nf6

[RR13...h5 0.88/18 13...Nf6 -0.90 would have saved the K Kt's honour and have bettered Black's game.']

14.f4 White has now a most formidable attack.

[RR14.Nc3]

14...Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 -0.24/19

[16...d5∓ -1.05/20 17.exd5 b6]

17.f5= Ne7 18.c4 -1.02/23

[18.Nc3∓ -0.36/23]

18...c6? 0.55/24 Again we should have preferred 18...b6. (MacDonnell agrees)

[18...Nc6∓ -1.02/23 Strongly threatening ...Nf6!. 19.g4 Nf6]

19.g4± Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 White's pawns now look quite irresistible.

21...Nd7 1.98/19

[21...Ne4!= 0.27/19 22.Nxe4 dxe4]

22.cxd5+- Nxd5 23.Ne4 N7b6 1.93/18

[23...h6± 1.29/19 24.b3 b6]

24.b3 0.97/17

[24.Bg5+- 1.93/18]

24...a5± 25.e6 0.32/18 This, we believe, is premature. 25.Bg5 is a very strong move.

[25.Bg5± 1.17/18]

25...h6 1.13/19

[25...Bxe6!± 0.32/18 26.fxe6 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 a4]

26.Bb2 0.64/20

[26.Ba3?! Nb4±]

[White should play 26.Re2± 1.13/19]

26...Ke7 27.Re1 White has strong compensation. **27...Ra7** 2.40/18 ML: Black's game is so cramped that defeat is inevitable.

GAM: Sacrificing dignity to provide recreation ground for the neighbouring Kt.

[27...Rg8± 0.91/18]

28.Nc5 0.90/21 White might also have obtained a fine game by advancing the h-pawn here.

[28.Ba3+ Nb4∓]

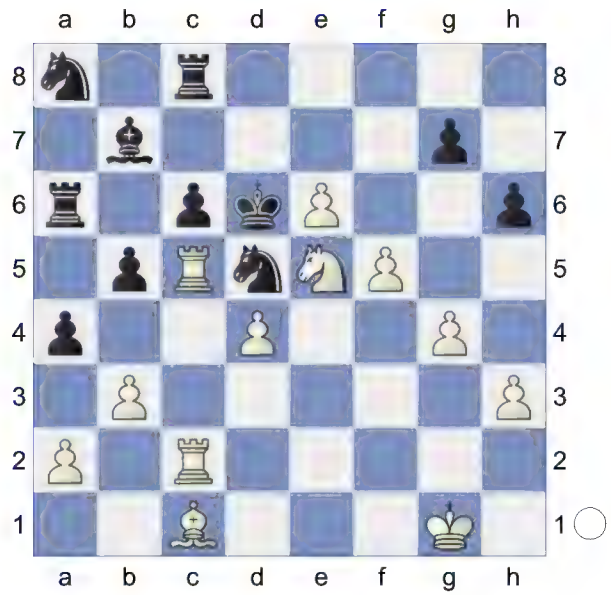
[28.Kh2+- 2.40/18]

28...Na8 29.Nd3 b5 30.Ne5 Kd6 31.Rc1 Ra6 32.Rc5 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **32...Bb7 33.Rfc2 Rc8 34.Bc1** 0.68/17

[34.a4± 1.13/18 Nab6 35.Nxc6 *(35.axb5 cxb5 36.g5 b4=)*]

34...a4 1.27/22

[34...Nac7!± 0.68/17]

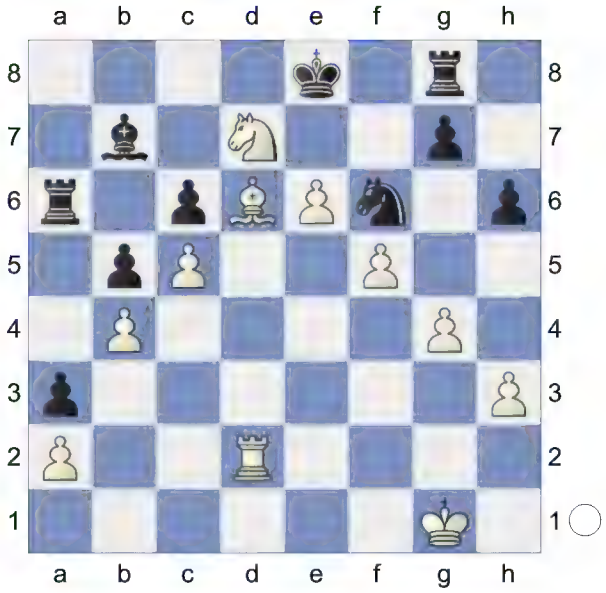


35.b4 0.77/20 ML: Very well played. GAM: Sound and subtle. **35...a3** 1.42/20 Had he taken P with Kt, White would have gained a winning position by

[35...Nxb4 1.66/21 35...Nac7 0.82 36.Bf4! GAM continues this variation: Nd5 2.52/19 *(36...Ke7* 1.72/19) 37.Bg3 1.05/20 *(37.Nf7++-* 2.52/19 *Ke7 38.Bd6+ Ke8 39.Be5)* 37...Ke7± 38.Ng6+ Ke8 1.98/21 *(38...Kd8±* 1.05/18) 39.Be5 0.72/20 *(39.g5!+-* 1.98/21 and the rest is easy. *hxg5 40.Be5)* 39...Nf6? 4.25/22 *(39...b4±* 0.72/20 is tougher.*)* 40.d5? 1.56/17 *(40.Bxf6+-* 4.25/22 *gxf6 41.h4)*

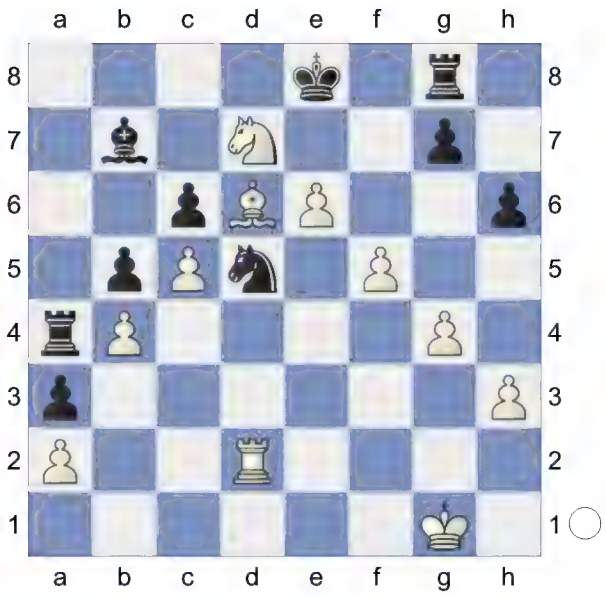
40...Nxd5± 41.Bxg7 Strongly threatening f6!. Nac7 42.Bxh6 0.73/16 *(42.h4!+- 1.77/17* and White stays clearly on top. *)*]
[⌓35...Nac7 0.77/20]
36.Bd2 0.65/19 The board is on fire.
[36.g5± 1.42/20]
36...Nab6± **37.Be1!→** White is out for blood. **37...Na4?** 5.76/19
[37...Ke7± 0.74/20 stays breathing.]

38.Bg3! 0.00/20 **Ke7!=** **39.Nd7** -0.54/19 GAM: White conducts the latter part of the game with great ability. **39...Nxc5∓**
[39...Nxb4 40.Bh4+ Kd6 *(40...Ke8 41.f6±)* 41.Bg3+ Ke7 42.Bh4+ Kd6 43.Bg3+ Ke7=]
40.dxc5 -0.81/20
[40.Nxc5∓ -0.40/20 Ra7 *(40...Nxb4 41.Rd2-+)* 41.Be5]
40...Rg8∓
[GAM: If 40...Nxb4? #8/18 40...Rg8 -0.79 White gets a winning position, thus: 41.Bd6+ Ke8 42.Rf2 Nd5 43.f6 gxf6 44.Nxf6+ Nxf6 45.Rxf6]
41.Bd6+ -1.36/21
[41.Re2∓ -0.46/19]
41...Ke8 -0.54/21
[41...Kd8∓ -1.36/21 42.Kh2 Nxb4]
42.Rd2 **Ra4?** 1.99/19
[42...Nf6? 2.26/20 42...Bc8 -0.56



White could have replied with 43.Be5? 0.00/20 forcing the game in a few moves, while if *(Only move: 43.Nxf6+!+- 2.26/20 gxf6 44.Bc7)*]
[42...Bc8!? 43.Rxd5 Bxd7 *(43...cxd5? 44.f6+-)* 44.exd7+ Kxd7∓]
[42...Nxb4 43.f6 gxf6 44.Nxf6+ Kd8 45.e7+ *(45.Nxg8 Bc8 46.e7+ Ke8 47.Nf6+ Kf7 48.e8Q+ Kg7 49.Nh5+ Kh7 50.Qf7+ Kh8 51.Qg7#)* 45...Kc8 46.Nxg8 Kd7 47.Nf6+ *(47.Nxh6 Ra8+-)* 47...Ke6 48.e8Q+ *(48.e8R+ Kxf6 49.Rf2+ Kg6 50.Re6+ Kg7 51.Be5+ Kh7 52.Re7+ Kg8 53.Rg7+ Kh8 54.Rf8#)* 48...Kxf6 49.Be5+ Kg5 50.Qh5#]
[42...Kd8!∓ -0.53/21 keeps the upper hand. 43.Nb6 Rxb6 *(43...Nxb4 44.Kf2-+)* 44.cxb6 Nxb6 *(44...g6? 45.Rxd5 gxf5 46.Rxf5+-)*]

(Diagram)



This, we believe, is his best play; had he moved **43.Rxd5!+-** Well played, obtaining a winning position, through it still requires great care to bring about that result. **43...cxd5 44.f6 gxf6 45.Nxf6+ Kd8 46.e7+?** -0.59/5
[RR46.Nxg8]
[46.Nxg8± 1.24/21 e7+ would kill now. Bc6 47.Ne7 *(47.Nxh6 Rxb4 48.g5 d4±)*]
46...Kc8∓ 47.Nxg8 Endgame KRB-KBN **47...Bc6 48.Nf6** -1.48/21
[48.Nxh6∓ -0.35/18 Rxb4 49.g5 Rb1+ 50.Kf2 Rb2+ 51.Kf1]
48...Rxb4∓ 49.e8Q+?? -4.55/19
[49.e8R+ Bxe8 50.Nxe8 Rb1+ 51.Kh2 b4-+]
[49.e8B? Rb1+ 50.Kf2 Bxe8 51.Nxe8 b4-+]
[49.h4∓ -1.30/18]
49...Bxe8-+ 50.Nxe8 Rb1+ 51.Kf2 Rb2+ 52.Kf3 Rxa2 53.Nc7 -5.13/23
[53.c6 -3.56/20 is a better defense. Rc2 54.Bxa3]
53...b4? -0.38/21
[53...Rd2-+ -5.13/23 54.c6 a2]
54.Nxd5∓ b3 0.04/15
[GAM: 54...Rd2 0.00/27 54...Kd7 -0.40 would have made it difficult if not impossible for White to win, thus if 55.Nxb4 Rb2]
[Black should try 54...Kd7!∓ -0.51/27 55.g5 *(55.Nxb4? Rb2-+)* 55...hxg5 56.Nxb4 Rb2]
55.c6= Rc2! must
[55...Kd8? 56.c7+ Kd7 57.Nb6+ Kxd6 58.c8Q+- *(58.c8R? Rc2-+)*]
56.Bxa3 h4 poses a challenge White leaves nothing to chance now.
56...Ra2? 5.54/31 GAM: throwing away his last chance; he ought to have played ...b2.
[56...Kd8= 0.04/25 and Black stays safe.]
57.Bd6+- Rc2 58.Be5 b2 59.Nb6+ Kd8 60.c7+ Rxc7 61.Bxb2
[61.Bxc7+? Ke8 62.Ke3 b1Q-+ *(62...b1B?* loses. *63.Kf2+-)*]
61...Rc5 62.Bd4 Rb5 63.Nc4 Ke7? 6.58/21
[63...Rb4 3.85/17 64.Ne5 Rb3+ 65.Be3 Ke7]
64.h4 Ke6 65.Ke4 Rb1 66.Ne3 Kf7 67.h5 Kg8 68.Nf5 Kh7 69.Be3 Re1 70.Nxh6 Rxe3+ 71.Kxe3 Kxh6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.60
72.Kf4 The whole of the endgame has been played by White with the greatest precision.
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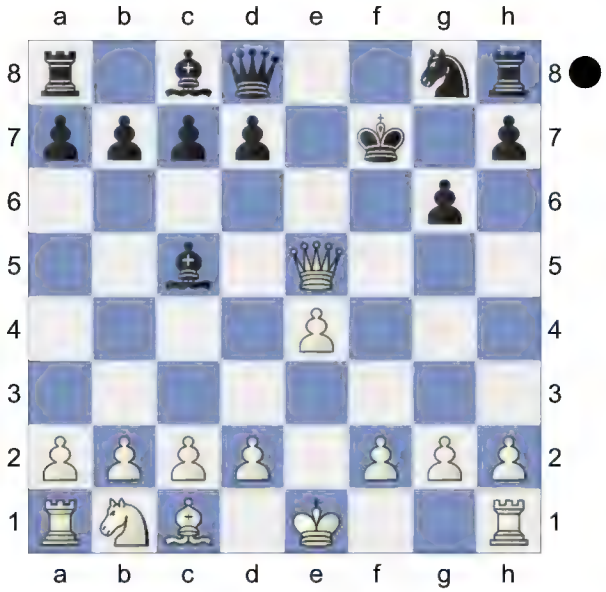
32 **C50**
□ **Jerome,A W**
■ **Jaeger,Daniel**
USA corr 1879
[Miron J. Hazeltine,NY Clipper]

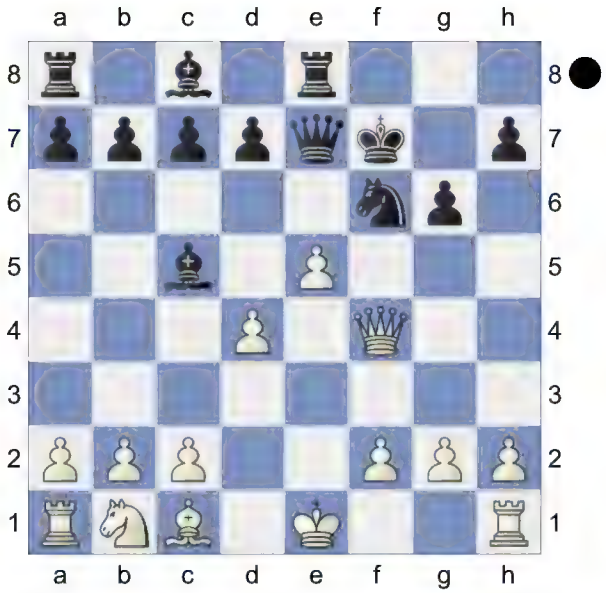
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

Blackburne, J. H.: '["Jerome Gambit". Played at Simpson's Divan about 1880.]'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ g6
[6...Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Ke7 12.Nc3 g5 13.Rf1 c6 14.g3 d5 15.Bd2 Bg4 16.Qg2 Rhf8 17.h3 Nxe4 18.Bf4 gxf4 19.gxf4 Rxf4 20.Nxe4 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Goncar,P-C2 Cxd4 109/265 Dortmund 2010 (4)]
7.Qxe5



Qe7N
[7...d6 8.Qxh8 Qh4 9.0-0 Nf6 10.c3 Ng4 11.h3 Bxf2+ 12.Kh1 Bf5 13.Qxa8 Qxh3+ 14.gxh3 Bxe4# 0-1 N,N-Blackburne,J off-hand London 1880]
8.Qf4+ Black is clearly better.
[8.Qxh8 Qxe4+ 9.Kf1 Nf6]
8...Nf6 -0.85/18
[8...Kg7-+ -2.11/20 has better winning chances. aiming for ...g5. 9.Nc3 Nf6]
9.e5∓ Pin **9...Re8 10.d4**

(Diagram)

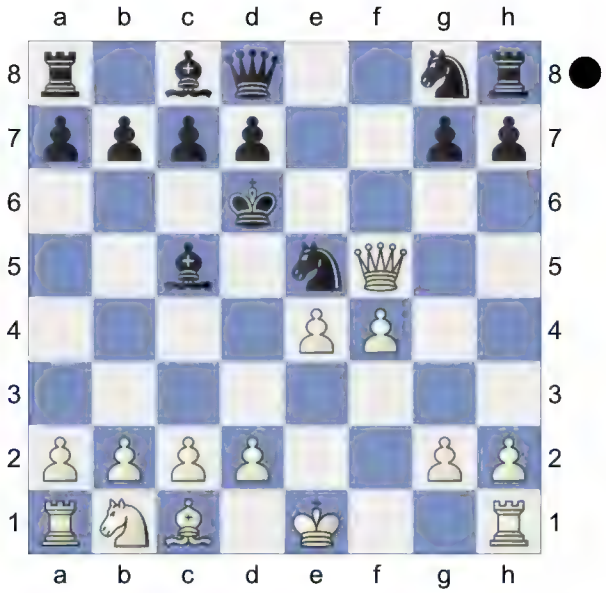


Bxd4 -0.40/18 **11.Qxd4∓ Qxe5+ 12.Qxe5 Rxe5+ 13.Be3** White is weak on the light squares **13...Ng4** Clearly a lost move. **14.0-0 d5** 0.24/23
[14...Nxe3∓ -0.39/22 15.fxe3+ Ke7]
15.Nc3 -0.25/27
[15.Bf4 0.24/23 Re2 16.Nc3 *(16.Bxc7 Rxc2 17.Bd6 Be6∓)* 16...Rxc2 17.Nxd5]
15...c6 0.27/23
[⌓15...Nxe3 -0.25/27 16.fxe3+ Kg7]
16.Bd4↑ Black must now prevent f3!. White is more active. **16...Re7 17.h3 Nh6** 0.56/23
[17...Nf6= 0.20/26]
18.g4± b6 19.f4 0.02/22
[19.b4± 0.54/23]
19...Bb7 20.b4 Rc8 21.Na4 0.02/22
[21.Rad1± 0.45/22 feels stronger.]
21...Re4 22.c3 -0.26/25
[⌓22.Rad1 0.25/27]
22...Ba6= 23.Rf2 -0.78/21
[23.Rfe1= -0.19/21]
23...Bb5 Now White is beyond hope.
24.Nxb6 -2.01/23 What he wished is pretty evident; what he can gain (except a loss) is invisible. **24...axb6-+ 25.Bxb6 Rce8 26.Kg2** -2.46/23

[⌓26.a4 -1.83/21 Re1+ 27.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 28.Kh2 Bxa4 29.Ra2]
26...Ke6 27.a4 Ba6 28.Bc5 Kd7 -1.47/22
[28...Bd3-+ -1.87/21 29.Rd2 Bc4]
29.Rb1 -2.22/22
[29.b5∓ -1.47/22 Bb7 *(29...cxb5? 30.axb5 Bxb5 31.Ra7+ Kc6 32.Bb4-+)* 30.Bd4]
29...Rb8 30.Kg3 Rc4 31.Rc1 Ng8 32.f5 -3.32/22
[32.Bd4 -2.19/22 keeps fighting.]
32...Nf6 33.Ba7 Mr. Jerome must have wholly overlooked the neat and telling reply. **33...Rbxb4 34.Kg2 Ne4**
[34...Rxa4 35.fxg6 Rf4 36.Rxf4 Rxf4 37.g5∓]
35.Rf3 -6.10/18
[⌓35.cxb4 -3.95/19 Rxc1 36.fxg6 hxg6 *(36...Nxf2? 37.g7+-)* 37.Rf7+ Ke6 38.Rf8]
35...Rb2+ Black is clearly winning. **36.Kh1 Rxa4 37.fxg6 Raa2 38.Bg1** His only move. Dodges Rh2+ **38...hxg6 39.Re1 Nf2+ 40.Bxf2 Rxf2 41.Rg3 Be2 42.Kg1 Bf3 43.Re3 Be4 44.c4 Rh2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.29 (precise)
45.Kf1 New York Clipper, November 1, 1879
0-1

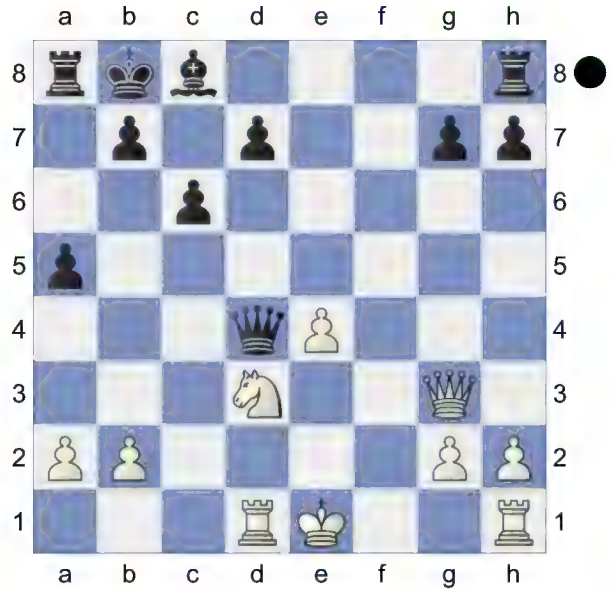
33 **C50**
□ **Jerome,A W**
■ **Jaeger,Daniel**
USA corr 1878
[Miron J. Hazeltine,NY Clipper]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
New York Clipper, 22 Nov 1878. Game 1144. Jerome of Paxton, Ill. v Jaeger of NY; "is interesting as being the first game at this opening ever given in The Clipper." **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4**



Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Ne7N** 0.15/22
[10...Nf6-+ -2.91/21 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.Bf4 *(13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 21.Bh6 Rf7 22.g4 Be6 23.0-0-0 Rf3* Jerome,A-Charles,S corr_167204 1881 *)* 13...Qh5 7. Italian Game: Move 4 Sidel-Jerome Gambit]
11.c3= Ng6 1.39/22
[11...Qf6= 0.01/22 remains equal. 12.d4 Qxf3 *(12...Qh4+ 13.g3±)* 13.dxc5+ Kxc5 14.gxf3 b6]
12.d4± Bxd4 2.65/23
[12...Qf6± 1.39/21]
13.cxd4+- Qxd4 14.Nc3 c6 Inhibits Nb5+. **15.Bg5?** 0.25/23
[15.Bf4++- 2.58/20 Ke7 16.Rd1]
15...Kc7 16.Rd1 -0.13/23
[16.Be3! 0.30/21 deserves

consideration. Qe5 17.0-0]
16...Qe5↑ White is under pressure.
17.Nd5+ Kb8
[17...cxd5 18.Rxd5 Qe6 *(18...Qxb2 19.Qg3+±; 18...Rf8 19.Rxe5 Rxf3 20.Rc5+ Kb6 21.b4=)* 19.0-0]
18.Bf4 -1.44/19
[18.Be3!= -0.03/22 was the only way to keep the balance.]
18...Nxf4!∓ 19.Nxf4 a5 20.Nd3 Qd4 21.Qg3+ -1.93/22
[21.Rd2∓ -1.30/19 was necessary.]



21...d6 -1.16/18
[21...Ka7!-+ -1.93/22 22.Qf2 Qxf2+ 23.Kxf2 Rd8]
22.Nf2 Qc4 0.00/20 Black is more active.
[22...Qb4+?! 23.Rd2=]
[22...Qxb2∓ -1.16/22 23.Qxd6+ Ka7]
23.Rxd6= Ka7 24.Rd3 -0.48/19
[24.b3= 0.00/20 Qb4+ 25.Ke2]
24...Qxa2 0.16/25
[24...Qb4+∓ -0.48/19 25.Rc3 Qxb2]
25.0-0 Qxb2 26.Ra3 b6 27.Qc7+ White has compensation. **27...Ka6!**
[27...Bb7? 28.Rfa1 Qb5 29.Rxa5+ *(29.Qxg7? Qc5-+)* 29...bxa5 30.Rxa5++-]
28.Rfa1 Intending Rxa5+! and mate.
28...Qb5 29.Nd3! and Ra4! would now be decisive **29...Bb7 30.Qg3?** -2.36/24
[30.Rb3!= 0.30/20 Rhc8 *(30...Qxb3? 31.Nc5+* Double Attack *Kb5 32.Nxb3+-)* 31.Qg3]
30...Rad8-+ 31.Qe3? -3.42/21
[31.Rc3 -1.64/20]
31...Rhe8 32.Rb3 Rxe4
[32...Qxb3 33.Nc5+ bxc5 34.Qxb3 Rxe4 35.Qa3∓]
33.Qg3 Qd5
[33...Qxb3 34.Nc5+ bxc5 35.Qxb3=]
34.Rab1 Qd4+ 35.Kh1 -4.47/21
[35.Qf2 -3.01/19 was the only chance. Ka7 *(35...Qxf2+? 36.Kxf2 Ka7 37.Rxb6-+)* 36.Rxb6 Qxf2+ 37.Kxf2]
35...b5 36.Ra3 Rd7 Repels Qc7
[36...c5? 37.Qc7+-]
37.h3 Re3 38.Nc5+ Qxc5 39.Rxe3 Qc2 40.Qe1 Rd6 41.Re2 Qg6 0.00/20
[41...Qd3-+ -3.37/18 Threatens to win with ...a4. 42.Rc1 a4]
42.Ra1? -2.88/24
[42.Ra2!= 0.00/20 and White is okay. a4 43.Qb4]
42...a4 43.Qb4 Qd3 44.Qe1 c5 45.Kh2 g5 46.Raa2 Qg6 47.Re7 -4.58/18
[⌓47.Re5 -2.87/15]
47...Bd5 48.Rd2 Re6 49.Qf2 Rxe7 50.Rxd5 Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is 3 pawns up. **50...Rc7 51.Qf8 Ka5 52.Qd8 Qb6 53.Rd6 Qb7 54.Rd7 Kb6 55.Rd6+**
[55.Qxc7+? Qxc7+ 56.Rxc7 Kxc7]
55...Ka7 56.Qxg5 a3? -1.33/16
[56...Rc6-+ -5.08/17 has better winning chances. 57.Rd1 Qc7+ 58.Kg1 Kb6 *(58...b4? 59.Qe3-+)*]
57.Qc1? -5.29/19

[57.Qe3∓ -1.33/16]
57...b4 Black is clearly winning. **58.Qc4 Rc6 59.Rd2 b3 60.Rd3 a2 61.Qc3 Qc7+ 62.g3 c4 63.Rd5 Ka6 64.h4 Rc5 65.Rd1 Qe5 66.Qc1 b2 67.Qh6+ Kb5 68.Rd7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.60
68...Qe2+ "and Mr. Jerome struck his colors."
[Not 68...a1R 69.Rb7+ Ka4 70.Qa6+ Ra5 71.Qxc4+ Ka3 72.Qb3#]
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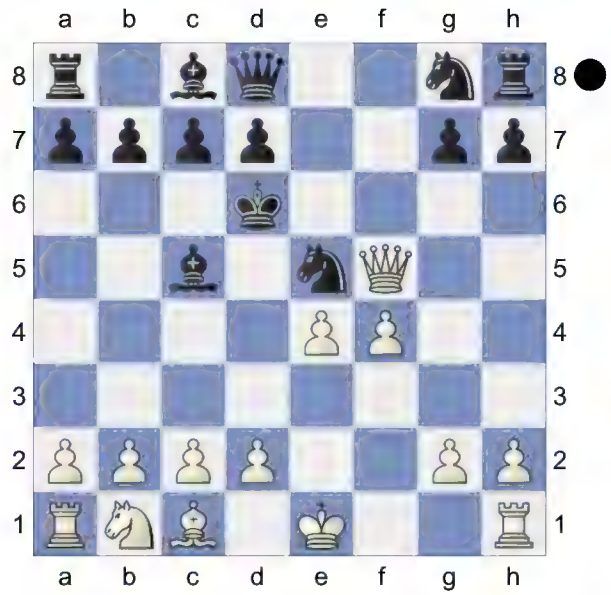
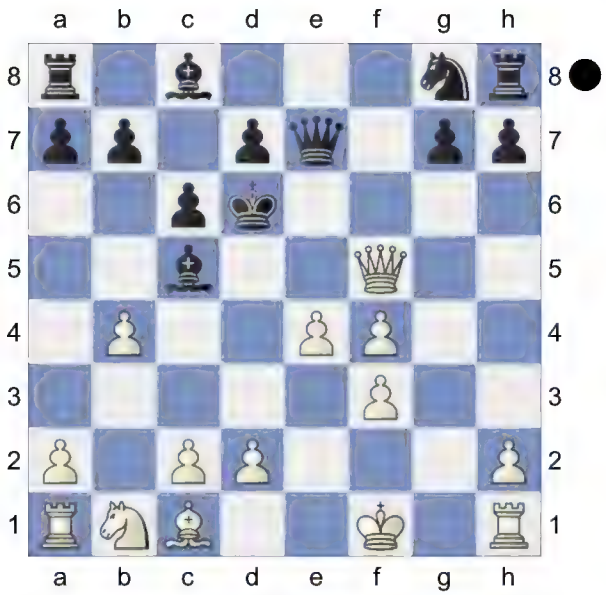
34 **C50**
□ **Jerome,A W**
■ **Norton,D P**
corr 1876
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
Main notes are from Melbourne paper but GA MacDonnell also published it in ISDN for 3 Sept 1881 - he has got it from Adelaide Observer. 'A very interesting game played by correspondence a short time ago between Messrs H. Charlick and J. Mann.' The variations preceded by "RR" were given by Gary Lane in an internet article on the Jerome Gambit at www.chesscafe.com in 2008. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ke6**
[6...Ng6 7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 1-0 (72) Charlick,H-Mann,J corr Australia 2004]
7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4

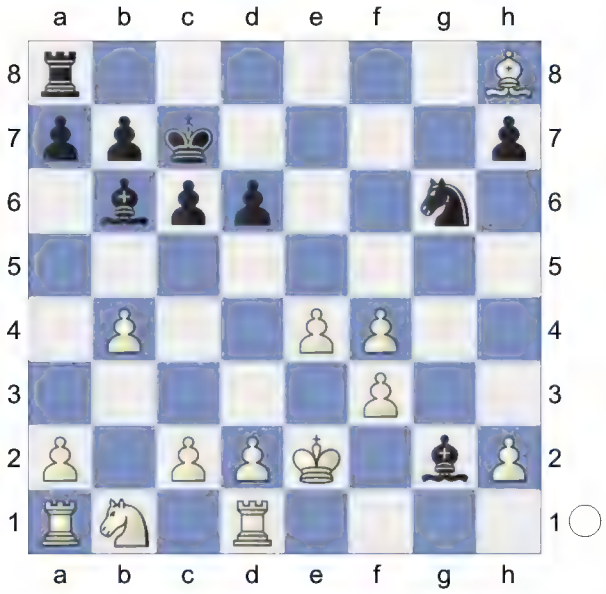


Black has a decisive advantage.
8...Nf3+N -0.45/17
[8...Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.Bf4 *(13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 21.Bh6 Rf7 22.g4 Be6 23.0-0-0 Rf3* Jerome,A-Charles,S corr_167204 1881) 13...Qh5 7. Italian Game: Move 4 Sidel-Jerome Gambit]
9.Kf1? -3.12/18
[Only move: 9.gxf3∓ -0.45/17 Qh4+ 10.Kd1]
9...c6 10.gxf3 Qe7 Inhibits Qe5+.
11.b4

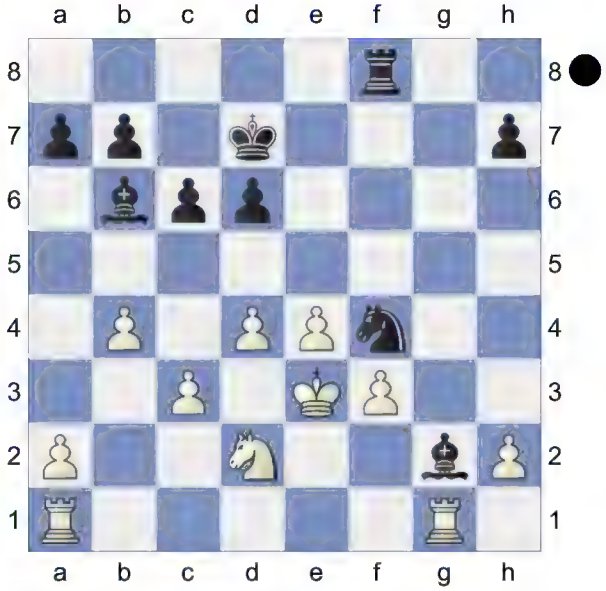
(Diagram)



Bb6? -0.89/15
[11...Bxb4 12.c3±]
[11...Bd4!-+ -2.64/25 is more deadly. 12.c3 g6 13.e5+ Kc7]
12.Bb2∓ Intending Be5+ and mate. **12...Kc7 13.Qe5+ Qxe5 14.Bxe5+ d6 15.Bxg7 Bh3+ 16.Ke2** and a4! would now be decisive **16...Bg2?** 0.52/21
[16...Ne7!∓ -1.15/25 Threatens to win with ...Rhg8. 17.Bxh8 Rxh8]
17.Rd1± Ne7! 18.Bxh8 Ng6

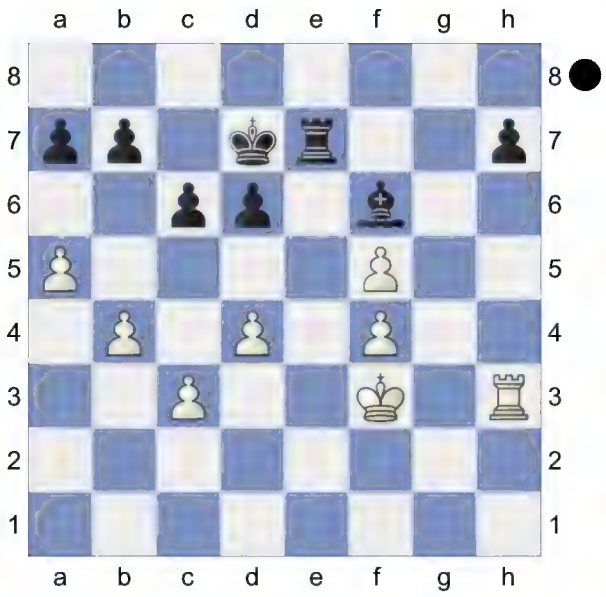


Double Attack **19.d4! Rxh8 20.Kf2** -0.94/20
[20.Ke3± 0.47/18]
Black continues to play with concentration. **20...Nxf4∓ 21.c3** -1.57/20
[⌓21.Nc3 -0.85/18]
21...Rg8↑ Black has strong compensation. Keeping White busy. **22.Nd2 Kd7 23.Ke3 Rf8** -1.14/20 Black is much more active.
[⌓23...Nh3 -1.54/19 24.b5 Bd8 *(24...cxb5 25.Rab1∓)*]
24.Rg1 -1.86/19
[24.Rab1∓ -1.14/20]



24...Bd8!-+ 25.Kf2 -2.56/19
[25.Nc4∓ -1.42/17]
25...Rg8 26.Ke3 Nh3 27.f4 Nxg1 28.Rxg1 Rg4 29.Nf1 Bh3 30.Ng3 Rh4 31.Nf5 Bxf5 Discovered Attack **32.exf5** Endgame KRB-KR **32...Bf6** Wards off Rg7+
[Not 32...Rxh2 33.Rg7+ Kc8 34.Rf7-+]
33.Rg3 Rxh2 34.a4 Rh1 35.a5 Re1+ 36.Kf3 Re7 37.Rh3

(Diagram)



c5! 38.bxc5
[38.Rh6 Rf7]
38...dxc5 Black is clearly winning.
39.Rh6 cxd4 40.cxd4 Bxd4 41.f6 Rf7 42.Ke4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.37
42...Bxf6
0-1

35 **C50**
□ **Jerome,A W**
■ **Norton,D P**
corr 1877
[News of the Week 24/11/1877]

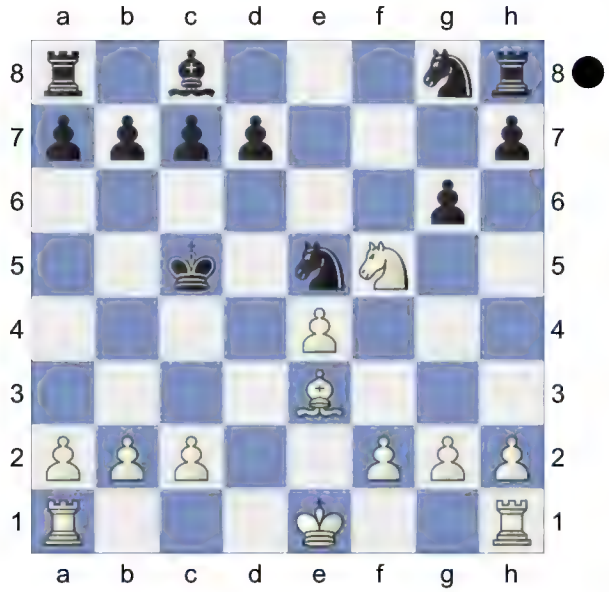
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
Melbourne Leader, 1881; GA MacDonnell; Lane: 'Main notes are from Melbourne paper but GA MacDonnell also published it in ISDN for 3 Sept 1881 - he has got it from Adelaide Observer. 'A very interesting game played by correspondence a short time ago between Messrs H. Charlick and J. Mann." Norton (Kansas) sent letter dated 29 Oct 1877 to News of the Week columnist noting the interest in Europe in Jerome's gambit. 'Having contested several games myself by corr. with Mr Jerome, I presume a specimen of our play might perhaps interest your readers...' Melbourne Leader, 1881; GA MacDonnell; Lane: 'The variations preceded by "RR" were given by Gary Lane in an internet article on the Jerome Gambit at www.chesscafe.com in 2008.'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+?! Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5
[5...Kf8!? Lowe-Parker, corr 1879]
6.Qh5+ Ke6
[RR6...Ng6 Charlick-Mann, corr 1881 7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 Nd7 1-0 (72) Charlick,H-Mann,J corr Australia 2004]
7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.d4N -3.66/19
[RR8.f4 see later games Jerome-Charles and Lowe-Cudmore Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 21.Bh6 Rf7 22.g4 Be6 23.0-0-0 So,W-Delmonico,N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021 Rf3]
[⌓8.f4 -2.50/18 Qh4+ 9.g3]
8...Bxd4-+ 9.Na3 It is understood that Mr Jerome admits the unsoundness of the variation 9 Na3... nevertheless great care is necessary for the defence, especially in play across the board.
9...Qf6!?
[9...c6 preferred by Sorensen in Danish magazine (Nordisk Skaktidende?); Norton disagrees and

thinks the text at least as good, but botyh allow White to win back the piece. he hints a third move is better than either and invites readers to find it.]

[9...Kc6! is perhaps what he meant.]

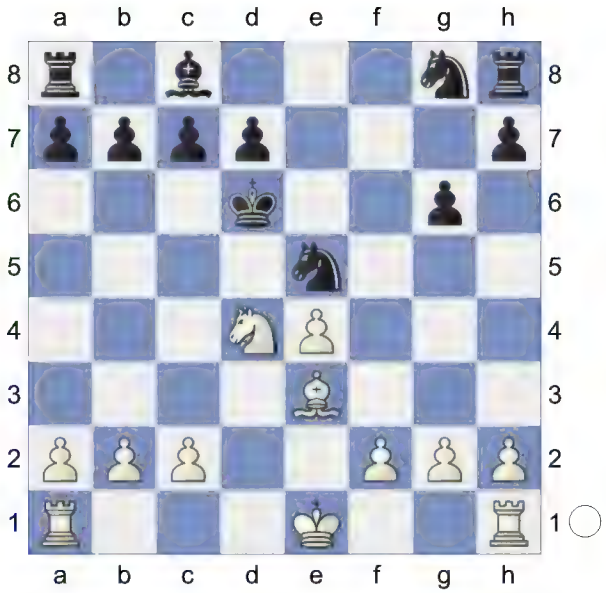
10.Nb5+ Kc5 11.Nxd4 d6! This move decides the game. White reels from the shock, is henceforth pressed to the wall, and Black has an easy victory.

[11...Qxf5? 12.Nxf5 g6 -1.44/19 *(12...Nf6-+ -2.56/19 13.f4 Nc6 14.Be3+ Kb5)* 13.Be3+∓



Kc6? 0.84/20 *(13...Kb5!∓ -1.19/17 14.Nd4+ Ka6)* 14.Nd4+± Kd6

(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...c5. 15.0-0-0 0.00/18 *(15.Bf4!± 1.46/18* Strongly threatening Nb5+. *Nf6 16.Nb5+ Kc5 17.Nxc7)* 15...Ke7 1.02/18 *(15...c5!= 0.00/18 16.Nf3+ Ke6 17.Nxe5 Kxe5)* 16.Nb5 was given in the Danish magazine.]

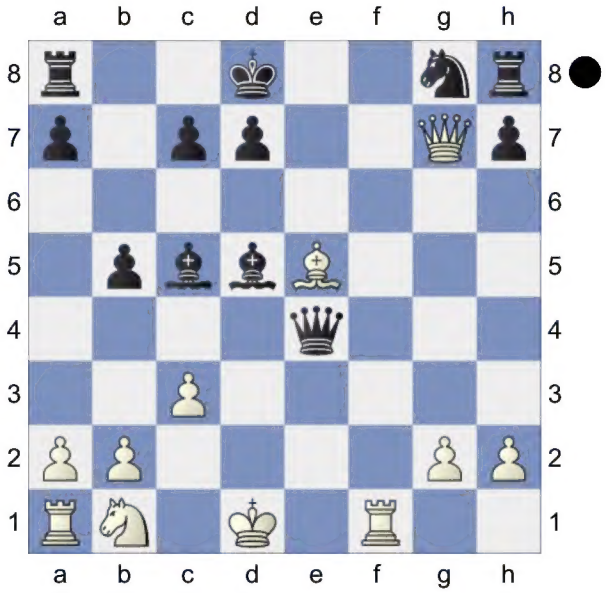
[11...Kxd4 12.Be3+ Kc4 13.Qh5∓]

12.Nb3+ Kb6 13.Qg5 Qxg5 14.Bxg5 Nf6 15.f3 Be6 16.Nd4 Rhe8 17.0-0 c5 18.Nb3 Bxb3 19.cxb3 a5 20.Rfd1 Kc6 21.a4 b6 22.Rd2 Rad8 23.h3 Nf7 24.Bh4 g5 25.Bf2 d5 26.Rad1 dxe4 Black is clearly winning. **27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Re1 Re8 29.fxe4 Rxe4 30.Rf1 Re6 31.Be3 h6 32.g4 Ne5 33.Bd2 Ne4 34.Bc3 Nxc3 35.bxc3** Endgame KRN-KR **35...c4 36.bxc4 Kc5 37.Rb1 Kxc4 38.Rb5 Kxc3 39.Kg2 Nd3 40.h4 gxh4 41.Kh3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.16 (very precise) **41...Nc5**

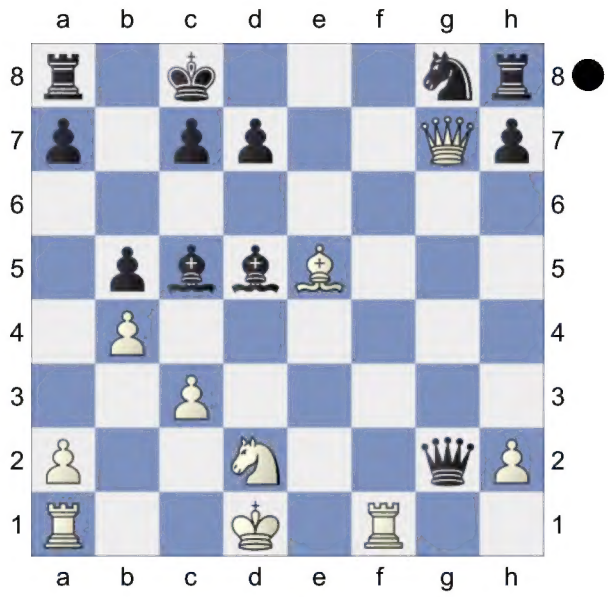
0-1

36 **C50**
□ **Lowe,E B**
■ **Cudmore,Daniel**
Preston Guardian consolation-2 rd1 1881
[Preston Guardian 26/4/1882]

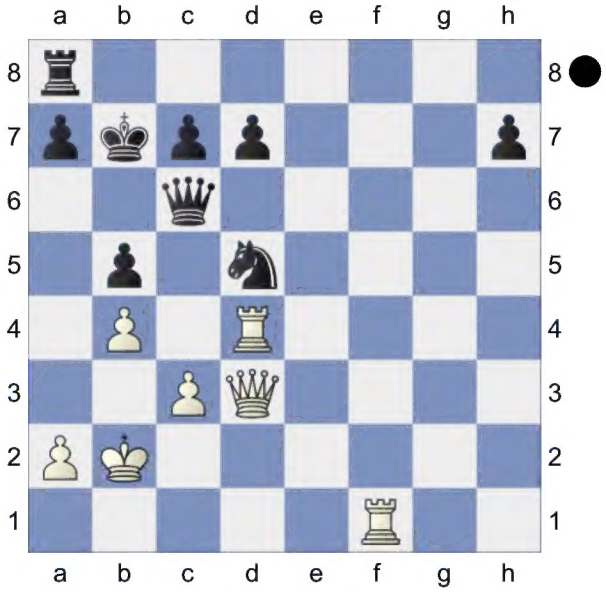
Preston Guardian 26/4/1882 notes Monck (abbreviated)
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
Dublin chess club minutes show Daniel Cudmore elected 25 Aug 1880 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+?! Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4** Black has a decisive advantage .Every form of the Jerome Gambit is, I believe, unsound and this is no exception. **8...Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 b5N** -1.24/23
[⌓10...Nf6]
[10...Nf6-+ -2.91/22 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 21.Bh6 Rf7 22.g4 Be6 23.0-0-0 Rf3 So,W-Delmonico,N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021]
11.d4∓ Qxd4
[11...Bxd4? 12.Bf4+-]
12.c3? -2.81/20
[12.Nc3∓ -1.10/19 Kc6 13.e5+ Kb6 *(13...d5 14.exd6+ Kb6 15.Nd5+ Kc6 16.Nb4+ Kb6 17.Qc6+ Ka5 18.Nd3+-)* 14.Ne2 *(14.Qxa8? Bb7-+)* 14...Qxe5 15.Qxa8]
12...Qf6-+ 13.Bf4+ Ke7 14.Rf1 Bb7 -1.48/18
[14...g5-+ -2.94/22 15.Be3 Qxf3 16.Bxc5+ d6 17.Bxd6+ cxd6 *(17...Kxd6? 18.Rxf3 Bd7 19.c4-+)* 18.gxf3 Be6]
15.Qh5∓ Qc6! 16.Qe5+ Kd8? 0.39/20
[16...Kf7!]
[16...Kf7!-+ -1.70/25 17.Qh5+ Qg6 *(17...Ke7 18.Qe5+ Kf7 19.Qh5+ Qg6 20.Qxc5∓)* 18.Qxc5 Qxe4+ *(18...Qxg2 19.Nd2±)* 19.Kd1 Nf6 *(19...Qxg2 20.Qh5+ Qg6 21.Qxb5∓)*]
17.Qxg7± Qxe4+ 18.Kd1 The board is on fire. **18...Bd5** 1.03/21 **19.Be5?** -2.28/26
[19.Qxh8± 1.03/21 stays on course. d6 20.Qg7 Qxg2 21.Qxg2 *(21.Qxh7? Qxf1+ 22.Kc2 Qxf4-+)* 21...Bxg2 22.Bg5+ Ke8 23.Re1+ Kd7 24.Be3]



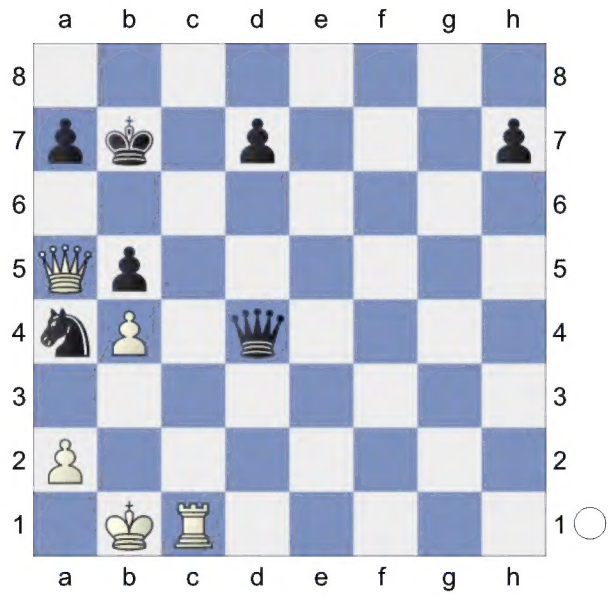
19...Kc8! 20.Nd2
[20.Qxh8? Qd3+ 21.Nd2 Be3-+]
20...Qxg2 -0.58/22
[20...Qa4+ 21.b3 Qh4 *(21...Bxb3+? 22.Nxb3 Qc4 23.Rf3+-)* 22.Kc2± *(22.Qxh8 Kb7±)*]
[20...Qd3!-+ -1.80/22 White must now prevent ...Be3!. 21.Qg3 *(21.Qxh8? Be3-+)* 21...Qxg3 22.hxg3 Bxg2 23.Bxh8 Bxf1 24.Nxf1 Ne7]
21.b4 -1.42/24
[21.Qxh8? Be3 22.Rf8+ Kb7-+]
[21.Re1!∓ -0.58/22]



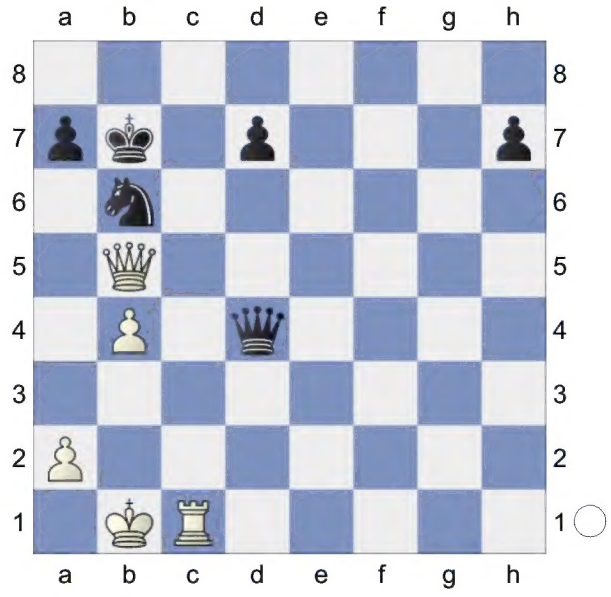
21...Be7! **22.Qxh8** **Bg5** -1.06/22
This pair of bishops is nice.
[⌓22...Bc4! -1.47/22 23.Kc2 *(23.Re1? Bg5-+)* 23...Bxf1 24.Rxf1 Qg6+ 25.Kb2 Kb7]
23.Bf4∓
[23.Rf8+? Kb7 24.Rf4 Re8-+ *(24...Qxh2? 25.Qg7-+; 24...Bxf4? 25.Bxf4 Qh1+ 26.Kc2-+)*]
23...Bxf4 0.66/20
[23...Bf6!∓ -1.20/22 24.Qxh7 Bxc3]
24.Rxf4± Qxh2 1.52/20
[Black should try 24...a5!± 0.59/19]
25.Qe5± Qg2? 3.10/17
[25...Qg1+± 1.34/19 26.Kc2 Qg6+ 27.Kb2 Qd6 28.Qxd6 cxd6]
26.Kc2 1.65/18
[⌓26.Rf8+ 3.10/17 Kb7 27.Rxa8 Deflection Kxa8 28.Qxc7 Qg1+ 29.Kc2 Qg6+ 30.Kb2]
26...Bc6? 3.70/18
[26...Qg6+ 1.65/18 27.Kb2 Qe6 28.Qxe6 Bxe6]
27.Qe3? 1.14/21
[27.Rf8++- 3.70/18 Kb7 28.Rxa8 Deflection Kxa8 29.Qxc7 Qg6+ 30.Kb2]
27...Qg6+ 2.18/19
[27...Kb7± 1.14/21]
28.Kb2+- Kb7 29.Rg1 Qe6 30.Ne4 1.09/17
[30.Qxe6+- 2.26/19 dxe6 31.c4]
30...Bxe4± 31.Rxe4 Qc6 32.Rf1 0.00/20
[32.Re5!± 1.03/21 Rc5 would now be deadly. d6 33.Rf5]
32...Nf6!= 33.Rd4 Nd5 34.Qd3



Nxc3 35.Rc1↑ White is pushing.
[35.Qxc3!? Qg2+□ Skewer, Double Attack 36.Qc2 Qxf1 37.Qe4+ Kb8 38.Qe8+ Kb7 39.Qe4+=]
35...Na4+ 36.Kb1 Active counter play!
36...Qb6? 4.02/23
[36...Qg6= 0.07/19 and Black stays safe.]
37.Qe4+
[37.Rxd7 Rc8 38.Qxh7 a6±]
37...Ka6? 6.25/20
[37...Qc6 2.68/19 38.Rxc6 dxc6]
38.Qxa8+- Qxd4 Endgame KQR-KQN
39.Qc8+
[39.Rxc7? Qb2#]
39...Kb6 40.Qxc7+
[40.Rxc7? Qb2#]
40...Ka6 41.Qa5+ Kb7
(Diagram)



42.Qxb5+? 1.44/18
[42.Qc7+!+- 5.09/22 and the rest is easy. Ka6 43.Qc8+ *(43.Qa5+ Kb7+-)* 43...Kb6 44.Qd8+ Ka6 45.Rc6+ dxc6 46.Qxd4]
42...Nb6±



43.a3 0.00/23
[Better is 43.Qc5!± 0.97/20 Qe4+ 44.Ka1]
43...a6? 3.46/19
[43...Qe3= 0.00/23]
44.Qf5 1.41/19
[44.Qc5+- 3.46/19 White threatens Qc7+ and mate. Qd3+ 45.Ka2 Qe2+ 46.Ka1]
44...Nc4 1.96/21
[44...Qe3± 1.41/19 was worth a try.]
45.Qf3++-
[45.Qxh7? Qb2#]
45...Kb6 3.12/25
[⌓45...d5 1.89/18 46.Qc3 Qxc3 47.Rxc3 Kb6]
46.Qc3 Qxc3 5.08/22
[46...Qe4+ 3.04/19 47.Ka2 d5]
47.Rxc3 d5 48.Rd3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.87
48...Kc6 An unexpected result. Drawn, but White should have won this game
½-½

37 **C50**
□ **N,N**
■ **Blackburne**
[Stockfish 6 64 POPCNT (10s)]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ last book move **6...g6 7.Qxe5 d6** 1.89/16 with this move Black loses his initiative
[⌓7...Qe7! a pity that Black didn't try this 8.Qf4+ Qf6-+]
[7...Qe7!-+ -2.21/18 and life is good for Black. 8.Qxh8 Qxe4+ 9.Kd1 Qxg2 10.Qxh7+ Kf8]
8.Qxh8+- White is clearly better. **8...Qh4 9.0-0** 2.29/16
[9.d4! Nf6 10.e5 *(10.dxc5?* -0.80/20 10.e5 2.77 is much weaker *Qxe4+ 11.Be3 Qxg2∓)* 10...dxe5 11.Nd2! Repels Qe4+ *(11.dxc5?* 0.15/20

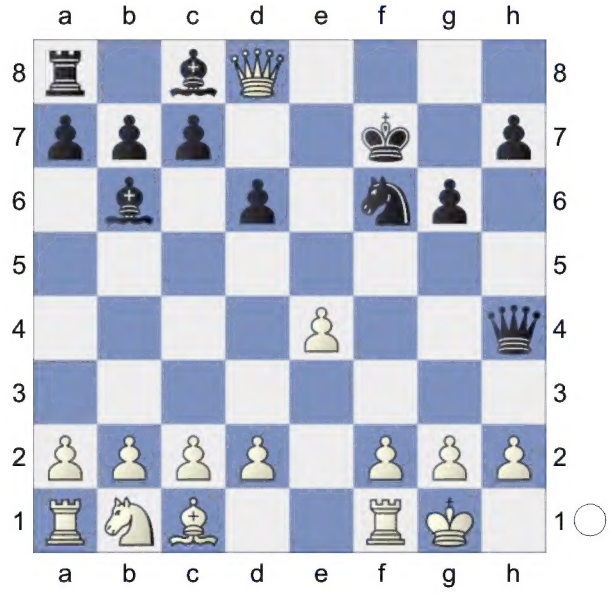
11.Nd2 2.46 looks very tantalising, but *Qe4+ 12.Be3 Qxg2-+*) 11...Bxd4 12.0-0±]

[⌓9.d4 1.87/23 Bb4+ 10.c3]

9...Nf6

10.c3?? -7.29/20 stumbles just before the finish line

[⌓10.Qd8! Bb6

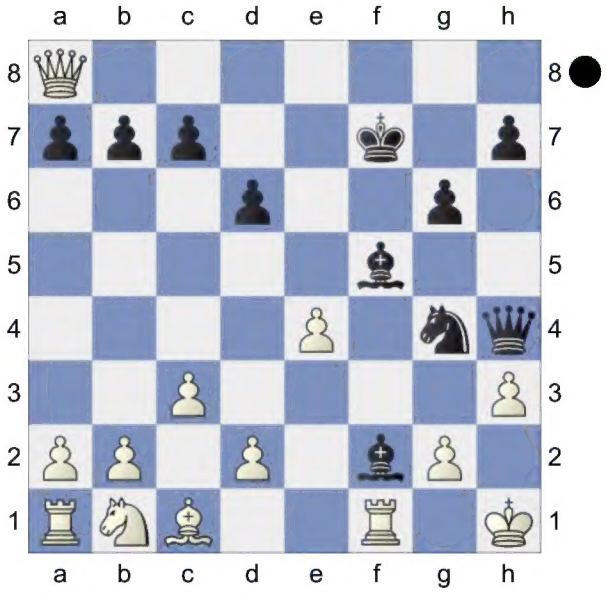


11.e5! dxe5 Hoping for ...Bf5. 12.Qd3±]

[10.Qd8+- 2.04/19]

10...Ng4-+ 11.h3 Bxf2+ 12.Kh1 Bf5 Discovered Attack **13.Qxa8**

[13.d3 there is nothing better in the position. Bg5! would now be deadly. Rxh8 14.Nd2-+]



13...Qxh3+!! Deflection: e4 **14.gxh3N**

[14.gxh3 Bxe4# Mate attack Deflection]

Weighted Error Value: White=1.25/ Black=0.92

14...Bxe4#

0-1